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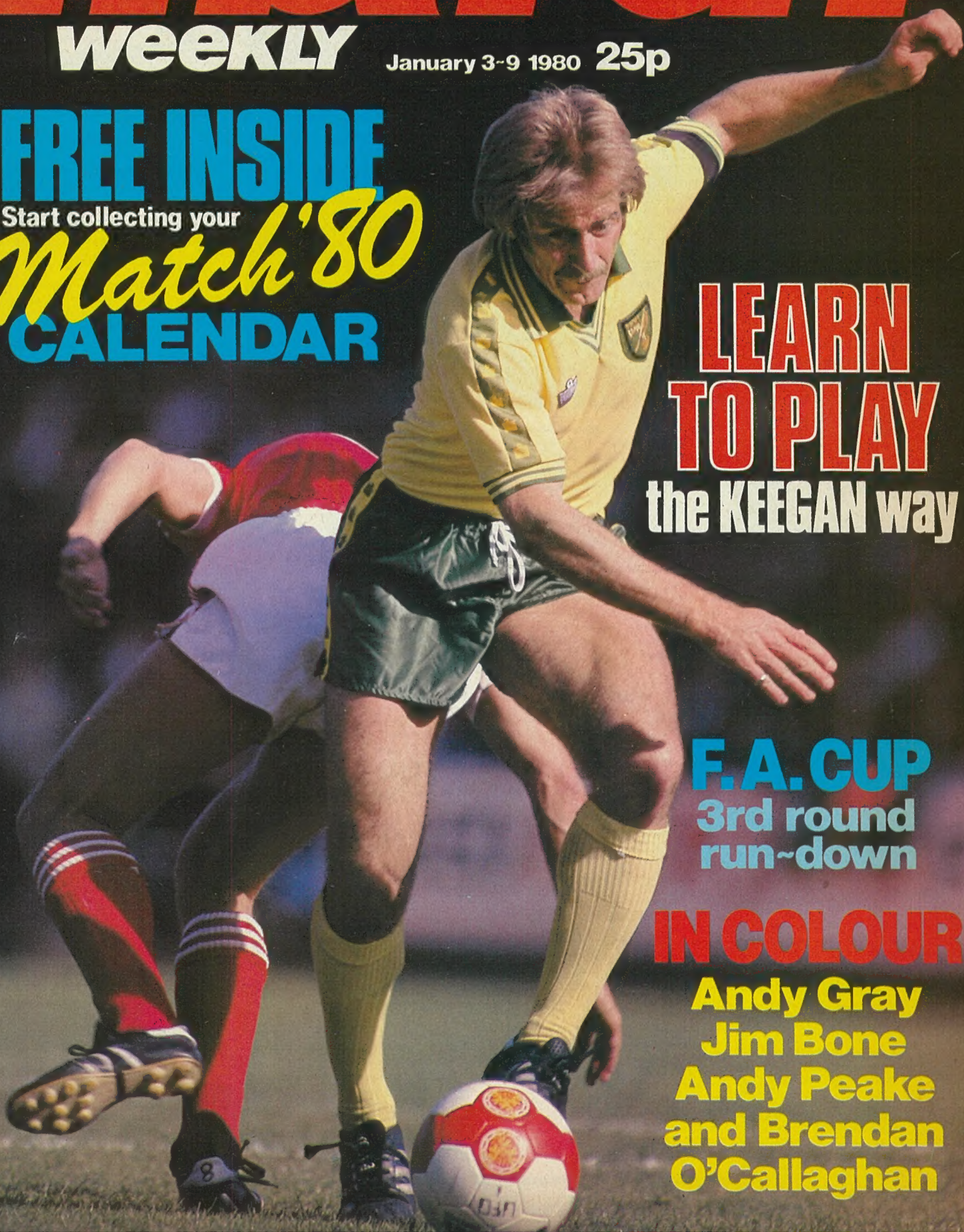
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KEVIN Keegan starts a great new series inside this issue showing you some of the skills that have made him a Soccer Superstar . . .

There's Osvaldo Ardiles, too, Steve Coppell, Brian Clough, Jimmy Hill and Ron Atkinson with more talking points and there's all you need to know about Saturday's FA Cup third round matches.

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COVER PICTURE: Aggression from Norwich City's Graham Paddon as he wins the ball during this season's game against Nottingham Forest at Carrow Road.

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ROLLAVILLA



ASTON Villa's defensive record may leave a little to be desired, but this is ridiculous. In fact, it's not what it seems.

Villa are experimenting with a new £25,000 ground protection system and groundstaff need to uproot the goalposts to make way for a revolutionary new roller (see inset above) which can smooth the pitch in just 10 minutes flat!

Said stadium manager Terry Rutter: "The plan is to spread a protective sheet over the ground after each winter match and use

the roller to level the sheet at the same time flattening the pitch beneath.

"Hopefully in severe weather we can heat the roller to melt snow and also hoist the cover to about seven feet and blow hot air underneath."

The new 'super-cover' is expected to be officially launched in the New Year and Villa hope, other grounds will be interested in copying the idea which the Midland club has patented through a British company.

NEIL Banfield, 17-year-old sweeper with Crystal Palace, is particularly keen to do well for his dad, Tony, who once had a spell with Ham, and has proved a great inspiration to him.

Mind you, East London born Neil hasn't done too badly so far! He played for London and England schoolboys and also England Youth.

He actually joined Palace straight from school and has received a lot of help from John Cartwright, the England Youth team manager who did great work as the Palace coach.

A cut above . . .

NOTTS County captain Brian Stubbs is literally a cut above the rest.

For Stubbs, renowned as one of football's hardmen, has had a total of 16 stitches in three head wounds this season . . . and that's without the black eyes and bruises that he tends to take for granted.

He had to have three stitches in a cut above the left eye, five in a gashed forehead and his most recent injury was a nasty cut above his left ear that required another eight stitches.

Says Stubbs: "It's something I take for granted but I must admit, even by my standards, it has been a bad season. But if I let this sort of thing worry me I might as well get another job."

Another Allen

THE Allen clan has certainly put some zest into the London soccer scene.

Clive Allen is slamming in the goals as Queens Park Rangers chase promotion from the Second Division. His dad, Les was an inside-forward with Chelsea, Tottenham, QPR and England Under-23, and now on his way up is Les's nephew Paul Allen of West Ham.

Paul, like Clive, an England youth international, first came under the West Ham spotlight as a boy with Thurrock, Essex, and went on the Hammers books as a schoolboy.

He signed apprentice forms on leaving school and joined the

professional strength on his 17th birthday, August 28.

Midfielder Paul made his first team debut in the League Cup against Southend on September 25.

"As a youngster I used to support QPR, because Uncle Les was playing for them."

"Now cousin Clive is with them, but, of course, I'm strictly Hammered."

West Ham manager John Lyall says: "We have unearthed a player for the future. He's a little terrier who buzzes around. His enthusiasm is so infectious, too."

Paul is very grateful for the help he has received training with midfield club-mates Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire and, of course, from the Hammers coaching staff.



Barry knows what he wants

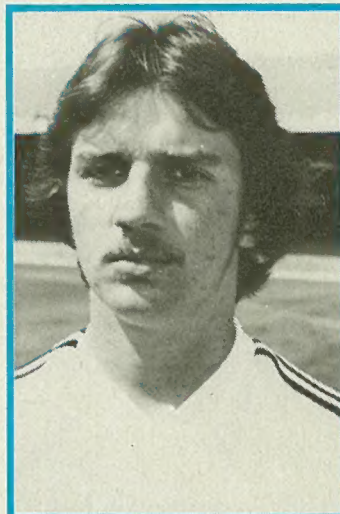
BARRY Dunn, the left-winger who turned to League soccer for the first time with Sunderland at the ripe old age of 27, is keen to stay in the game when his playing days are over.

The former gas engineer says: "I would like to gain the full coaching badge and take up football management."

Sunderland born, Barry was a member of the Blue Star side which won the FA Vase at Wembley in 1978. He had a spell with Belgium side VVC Koksijde before returning to Blue Star last year.

He was then transferred to the Roker Park side in September and made his League debut the same month against Preston.

Cameron can turn to Dad



SWANSEA City youngster Cameron Medwin can always ask his dad. His father, Terry, is assistant manager to John Toshack at the Vetch Field.

The 19-year-old Cameron – he was born on Christmas Day – had trials with Swansea in November 1978 and turned professional last August.

Born in Middlesex and a former Norfolk youth player, he is hoping he can be as successful a defender as his dad was a winger.

Terry played for Swansea, Tottenham and Wales and has had coaching experience at Cardiff, Fulham and Norwich.

Cameron enjoyed his days when he lived at Fulham – he used to love watching Rodney Marsh and Bobby Moore play.

KEEGAN AT THE BRIDGE

CHELSEA will be the English club to benefit from Kevin Keegan's latest football experiment to make him an even better player.

Kevin, Match Weekly's star columnist, told us that if, as seems likely, he returns to England after his spell with crack Italian side Juventus then Chelsea would be the next stop.

"In football it is impossible to plan too far ahead," said Kevin, who has already had talks with Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst. "I may decide to go to Spain after Juventus or I may return to England.

"If I settle for England then I'd like to play for Chelsea. They're a big club with real First Division potential. The set-up is right and I could see myself fitting into that sort of environment.

"Chelsea have had a history of bringing on their own young players and I would like to feel I can lead them to greater things. London is also the part of the country that would suit me best because I have business contacts there. Liverpool have first option on my return but I feel sure they wouldn't stand in my way."

Kevin's decision to plump for Juventus and Italy came as a bombshell to many in the game and to many of his fans who felt sure he would be turning out for Barcelona next season. The player felt so as well.

But in the end Juventus won Kevin's favour because Barcelona just could not make up their minds.

At first they wanted him immediately. That was ruled out because Kevin is under contract to Hamburg until the end of the season and there was no way he would want to leave while they were still in the European Cup.

Then because of changes behind the scenes at Barcelona the club could not reach a quick decision on whether they were prepared to wait until the start of next season.

But Kevin was not in the mood for delay. After months of speculation and rumour he wanted to make up his mind quickly. And some serious thinking at his Christmas retreat in Newquay, Cornwall, convinced him that Juventus was the best bet.

"It was a bit of a turn-round because I had said earlier that I

didn't fancy Italy," Kevin told Match Weekly. "But the more I thought about it the greater an attraction it became.

"It is because it is such a challenge. Another language, another way of life but also a chance to score goals in a league where they've always been hard to come by."

Kevin, who has been playing in midfield for Hamburg, may well play in an attacking role for Juventus.

The worry of becoming a marked man in Italy's often cynical style of football doesn't concern him either. "I don't think the problems I will face in Italy will be greater than those of my first six months with Hamburg," he added.

"You read all about the spitting and the bad tackles and this sort of thing but I'll have to accept that. I just hope to answer any aggressors in the best way — by doing my stuff on the pitch."

Kevin's future plans may also include America. His loyalty to the England team has, until now, stood in the way of a move to Washington Diplomats. "But they are still in my mind and a move across the Atlantic may follow the 1982 World Cup," he added.



BELT UP

PLAYERS from all divisions of the Football League are concerned about the behaviour of fans and hope that 1980 will herald a big improvement in the standard of conduct on the terraces.

Whether they go into action before the huge crowds at Anfield, Old Trafford or White Hart Lane or battle for Division Four points in front of two or three thousand, the message from the soccer entertainers is the same:

One - Cut out the obscene chants and bad language;

Two - Support your side but respect opponents and their followers.

Concern over crowd trouble and genuine desire to see it cut out came through over and over again when MATCH WEEKLY spoke to players throughout the league and asked what were their personal resolutions and hopes for 1980.

Long serving Hull City defender ROGER DE VRIES summed it up, saying: "I can't stand the bad language and when the chants come out over the television it is diabolical. We have to expect it but it is a terrible reflection on the kind of kids we are bringing up and it is up to adults to put it right in the home."

Anxious

On a personal note Roger's great wish is to get on the score sheet in a City match soon. "I have now played over 300 league games for the club without ever scoring and that's what hurts. To knock in a couple would be a tremendous boost."

Bournemouth skipper PHIL HOLDER who saw action in the higher leagues with Spurs and Crystal Palace is also anxious to see behaviour on the terraces improve but advocates other changes as well.

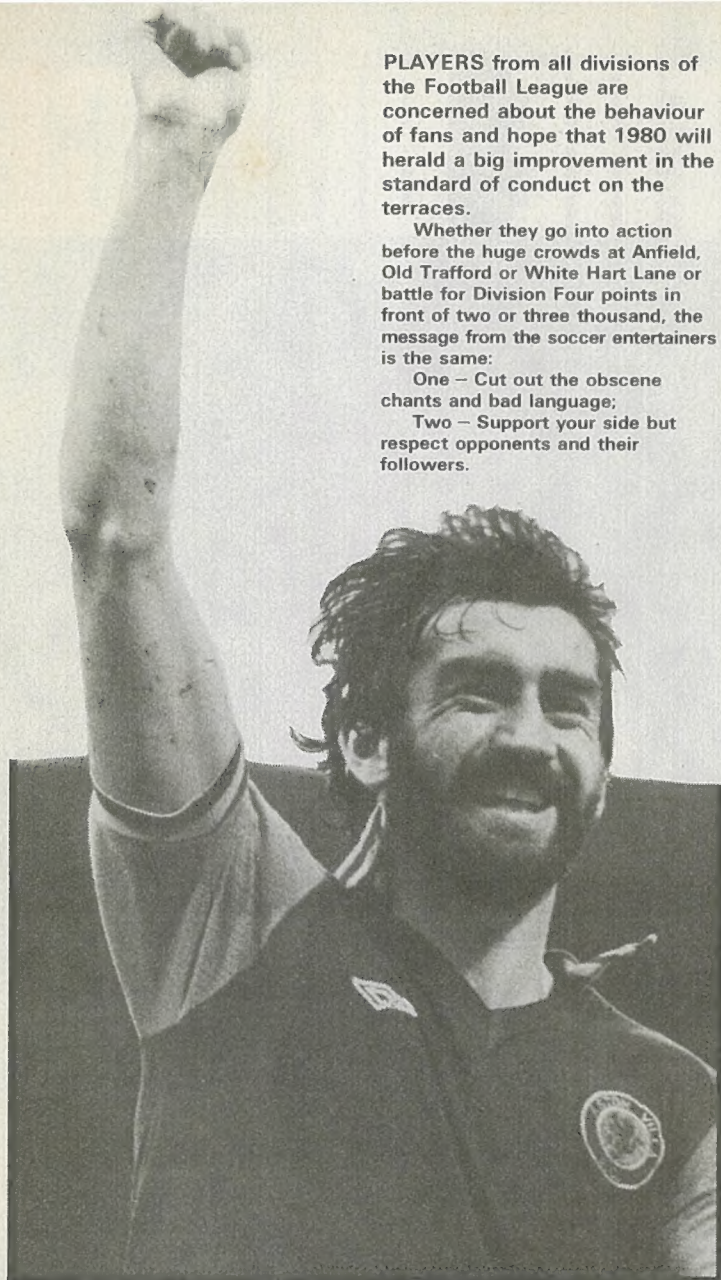
"With chanting and bad language we will just have to hope the novelty will wear off. I think the game would be improved if there were professional referees and that some regionalisation of the Third



Eric Steele... aiming to help Watford's promotion aspirations.

and Fourth Divisions should be considered.

"Some would argue that this is a retrograde step but they haven't had to make near 700 mile round trips from Bournemouth to Hartlepool or Darlington," said Phil wryly.



Dennis Mortimer... looking for more match-winning goals

And here are some suggested resolutions from Match Weekly...

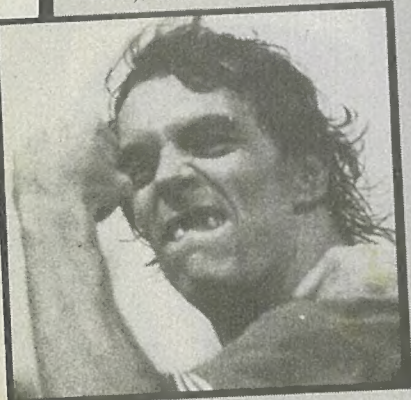
JIMMY HILL: To finally get Brian Clough on Match of the Day.

BRIAN CLOUGH: To find some film of Jimmy Hill taking a dive.

TONY WOODCOCK: Learn to say "my ball" in German.

CESAR MENOTTI: To cut down to 200 cigarettes a day.

Fangs for the memory, Joel



MELVYN BAGNALL: To keep taking the ulcer pills.

GEORGE BEST: To get a reliable alarm clock.

RON GREENWOOD: To discover five more Glenn Hoddles.

ALAN BALL: To find a friend at Southampton.

ALAN MULLERY: To sit in on Terry Venables' team talks.

JOE JORDAN: To discount rumours that he's a vampire by night (see picture).

MICKEY THOMAS: To cure that twitch in the eye when the cameras are on him.

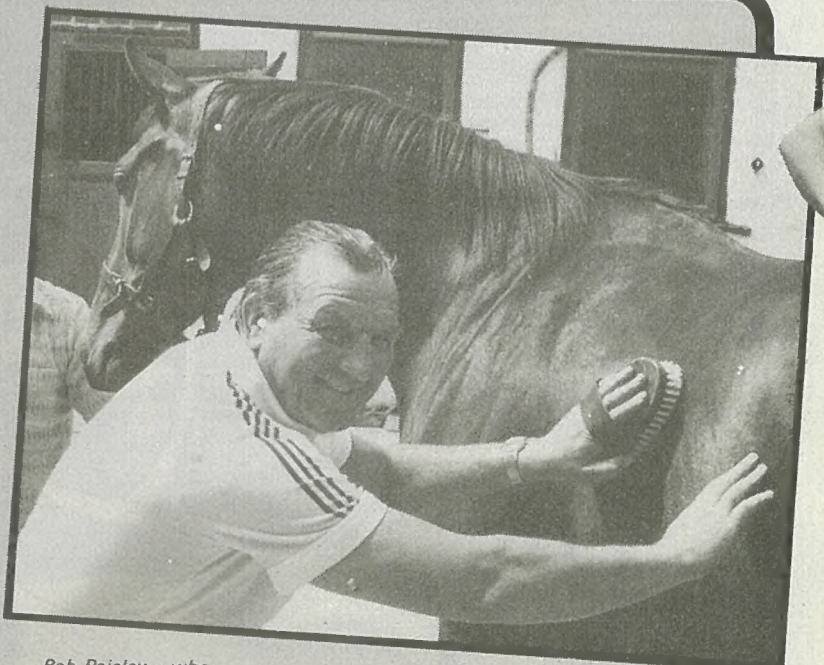
KEVIN KEEGAN: To buy a Spanish phrase book!

BOB PAISLEY: Find something to worry about at Liverpool.

JIMMY ADAMSON: Find something to smile about at Leeds.

MALCOLM ALLISON: Buy a bottle of scotch for his bank manager.

JASPER CARROT: Stop cracking jokes about Birmingham.



Bob Paisley - who grooms the Liverpool team with less worries than most - seen here grooming racehorse Hit the Deck.

AND BEHAVE!

Another south coast star, Southampton's PHIL BOYER, would like to see more teams in real contention for First Division honours. "All credit to Liverpool but it is a one or two horse race and I think it would be better for more teams to be in the race, Saints among them."

Chances

Already this season he has created a record by scoring in nine consecutive Southampton home games. Now Phil would like to see his side scoring more away from home for as he puts it: "Goals away usually mean points and it all adds up to progress."

The scoring theme was echoed by Walsall player manager ALAN BUCKLEY who is bothered about his own recent lack of scoring punch.

"If I can get back on the goal chart it will undoubtedly help our promotion chances and, so far, I am delighted with our form. My big hope for the start of 1980 is that we can maintain recent tempo and be thereabouts at the end of the season."

West Bromwich Albion midfielder BRYAN ROBSON'S personal target is to gain a full international cap and after captaining the under 21 side a few weeks back he seems well on course.

— that's the players message to the fans for 1980.

"Apart from my England ambitions, I am hoping Albion can do well in the F A Cup. We are too many points adrift at the present time to have any serious league aspirations but it would be good to enjoy a cup run."

"We were in the semi-final two years ago and I was disappointed to go out to Ipswich. A run in the cup now would be a big encouragement and if we were successful it would enable us to get back into Europe which is always a good incentive for any side," he added.

Challenge

Goalkeepers are a notoriously superstitious breed but Watford's recent £60,000 capture from Brighton ERIC STEELE needs nothing gimmicky for his immediate soccer designs.

"I am setting my stall to help Watford finish in the top ten of Division Two and have every confidence we can do it and then make a real promotion challenge next season," he told us.

Eric, still only 25, added: "So far I have been lucky enough to have been promoted with my last two clubs and hope that just as Brighton went into Division One while I was there, the same will happen at Watford."

Long serving midfielder player MALCOLM LORD has had North American League experience with California Surf and believes that aspects of the game in the United States would not be out of place here.

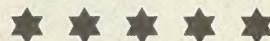
"My hope is to see football developed as a family entertainment for I feel we are missing our way to

And for a man whose injury record reads like a script for Angels — tendon trouble twice in left leg including present estimated absence of four months; 14 months out with tendon injury in right leg and a further three months with a broken fibula — that is brave talk indeed!

Aston Villa stalwart DENNIS MORTIMER will be satisfied if the ball hits the back of opposition nets with greater regularity in future.

"We are making our job all the more difficult by not snapping up the chances we create in matches."

"I'm convinced that if we popped away these goals it would signal a major transformation. There is tremendous potential in the side and all we need now is some good goal scoring wins," said the Villa skipper.



Denis Mortimer . . . hoping for more Villa goals.



West Brom midfielder Bryan Robson . . . his target is to gain a full international cap.

Spiral

a big extent. Obviously the hooligan element is a deterrent and it is up to the game to provide incentives such as reduced rate admission to bring the families back."

Malcolm, a popular member of Hull City's staff, also thinks the transfer spiral could be ended quickly: "If clubs had to pay cash and not on the never-never, fees would come down over night and we would be a lot better for it."

Currently out of action with achilles tendon trouble, Malcolm's personal aim for 1980 is simple — "am going to try not to get injured again."



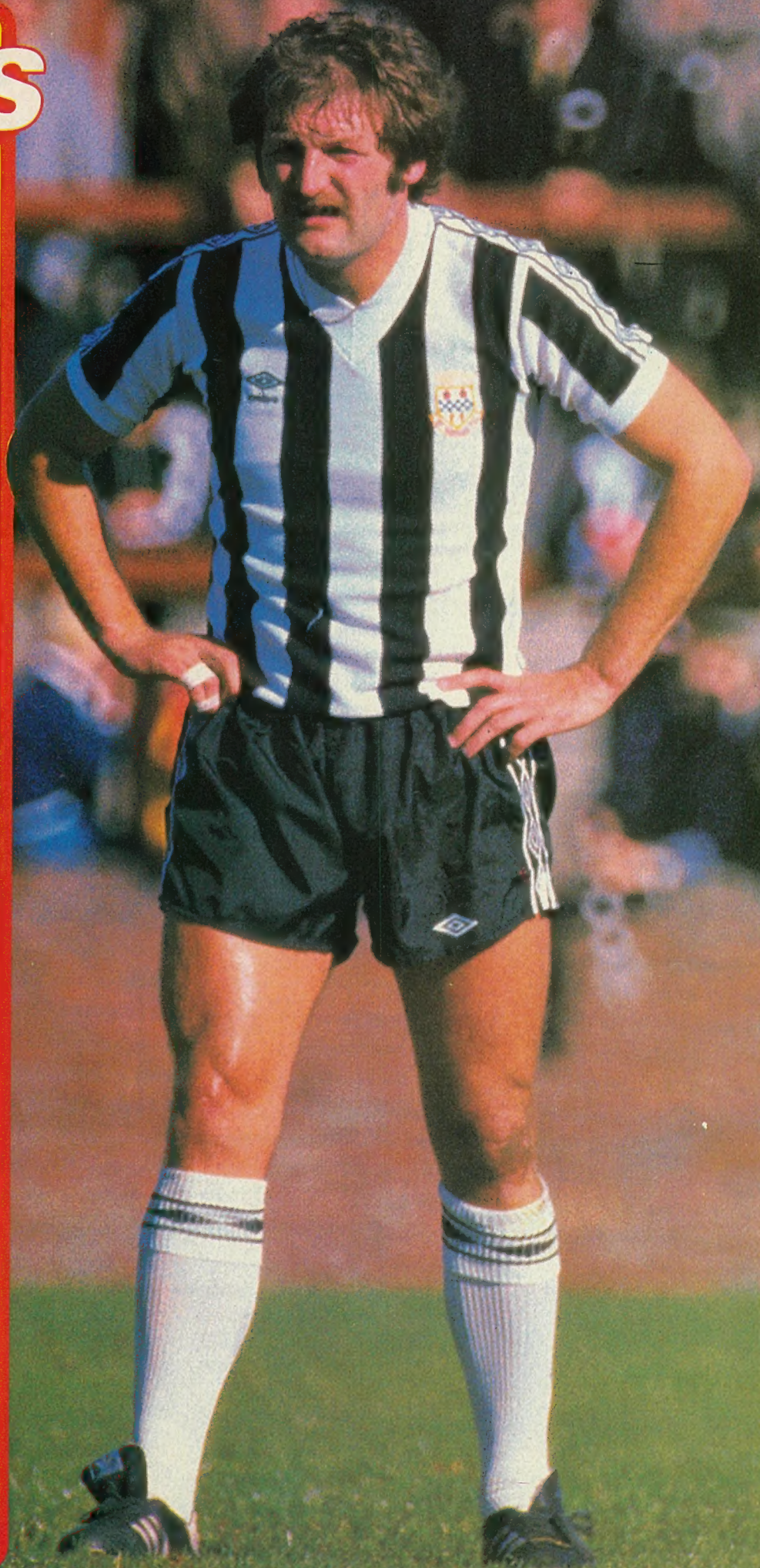
Southampton striker Phil Boyer . . . wants to see more teams involved in the race for First Division honours.

match makers

JAMES BONE St Mirren

FULL NAME: James Bone.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Bridge of Allan, September 22, 1949.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10ins, 12st 5lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Elizabeth.
CHILDREN: David, aged 5.
CAR: Cortina 1600L.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Partick Thistle, Norwich City, Sheffield United, Celtic, Arbroath.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Electrician.
CLUB NICKNAME: JB.
WORST EVER INJURY: Cartilage trouble.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish, the complete professional.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Stirling Albion.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Osvaldo Ardiles, who has shown great skill and character to settle in Britain.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, McGrain, R. Charlton, Moore, Cooper, Ball, Keegan, Baxter, Law, Dalglish, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), McGrain (Scotland), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore (England), Schnelinger (W. Germany), Gerson (Brazil), Keegan (England), Rivelino (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Dalglish (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ibrox.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Hampden Park.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Norwich City away to Charlton in 1973.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Carlos Alberto's in the 1970 World Cup final.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Roy Barry.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Norwich City's first ever game in First Division against Everton.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring in that match.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Leaving Celtic when I did.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Music, coaching, winning.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, smokers.
FAVOURITE TV: Fawcety Towers.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Coronation Street.
FAVOURITE READING: Match Weekly.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Rod Stewart.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canada.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Glenda Jackson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN 1979: Main Event.
BEST FRIEND: Brother-in-law Ian.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Davie McParland, Albert Henderson.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Dirty players.
SUPERSTITIONS: Left boot on before the right.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Three Under-23 caps, two full caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To become a manager.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To stay in football.
PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: Peter Weir, St Mirren.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jack Nicklaus.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard, never give in.

Jimmy Law



Learn to play the KEEGAN way

Part 1 of an occasional series

YEARS ago the only players who practiced shooting in training were the forwards. The attitude to the game in those days meant that defenders and midfield players never did any finishing. Their job was to stop the other side scoring.

But things are different in modern-day football. Just look at the teams who win championships. They rarely have a player at the top of the goal charts, but they have players capable of scoring goals throughout the team – from the full backs to the flank men.

The art of shooting is in the timing, not in how hard you kick. So don't try to kick the leather off the ball, but with deceiving power. They also have the element of surprise on their side. Swinging the leg back a long way only alerts the 'keeper that you are going to have a shot.

Above all, be positive. Changing your mind at the last second can be fatal. You may feel you want to chip or swerve the ball. That's fine

SHOOTING by KEVIN KEEGAN

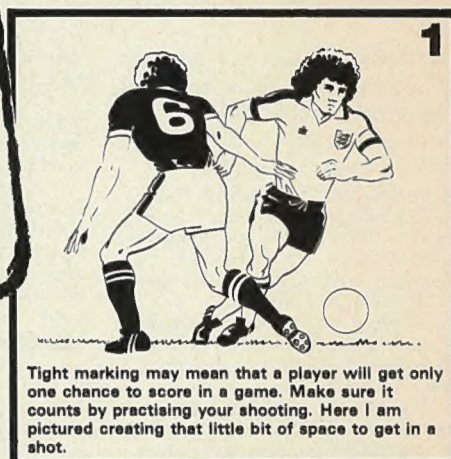
... but once you've made up your mind don't hesitate.

My advice to any young player is to practice shooting whenever possible. You just can't do enough of it. When you have been in the same shooting position 500 times, then go through it another few hundred!

I cannot remember scoring a goal that was like any other I had ever scored. There is always something different – the 'keeper's position, the bounce of the ball or a slight change of angle.

At Hamburg we work very hard on shooting through the team. I make a point of doing at least three good shooting sessions a week. Scoring is a very important part of my game. Nowadays the very tight man to man marking means I might get only one chance in a game. If I don't stick it in then I don't score. So you see why I put so much importance on it in training.

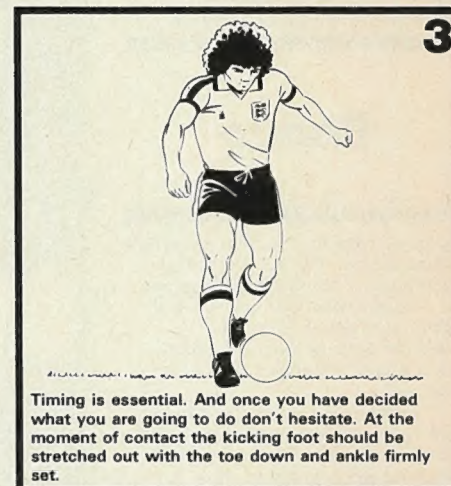
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Tight marking may mean that a player will get only one chance to score in a game. Make sure it counts by practising your shooting. Here I am pictured creating that little bit of space to get in a shot.



Having made the space, get the shot on target. The head should be over the ball and the body well balanced. A short backlift is a big advantage.



Timing is essential. And once you have decided what you are going to do don't hesitate. At the moment of contact the kicking foot should be stretched out with the toe down and ankle firmly set.



Watch the players who hit a ball really well and you will notice they follow through with the leg. Remember Bobby Charlton and Peter Lorimer? Football is all about goals, so never stop practising – and try to use both feet.

Best of the Bosses

MANY people often ask me to compare the merits of the two managers closest to me – Tottenham boss Keith Burkinshaw and Argentinian coach Carlos Menotti.

Both work in different ways – but they're extremely effective and I have the utmost respect for both of them.

I rate Menotti the best manager in the world and he certainly proved that by leading us to the 1978 World Cup win.

He was a brilliant man in charge and earned the respect of us all. He wasn't only concerned about the football – he found time to ask us about our families while we were together for the World Cup. He was genuinely concerned for us and it made all the players feel good.

I think that was his secret: he had the time for every member of the squad. Before the games he would come and have a chat

ARDILES

with every individual. He would tell us what our roles were out on the park but at the end of the day he would always say: go out and enjoy yourself – it's a game not a war. O.K. you're playing for your country but never forget that it's a game and you've got to enjoy yourself.

Menotti also had an uncanny knack of knowing what all his squad were thinking, the way their minds worked. He would have made a tremendous psychologist if he hadn't gone into football!

Keith Burkinshaw is not such a well-known personality as Menotti but his methods work just the same.

I was impressed with him right from the first time I met him. His attitude towards me was good from the start.

He talks with me a lot and is very concerned about how I feel about my form etc. When I first came I was regarded as a superstar in my own country and also in England.

But right from the off he told me I had to learn a lot about the game. I accepted this – I knew it was good for me to listen.

Occasionally I would say no, I think it should be done this way but he always put me right. I have undoubtedly learned a lot from him.

Asquith



Keith Burkinshaw has taught me a lot about the English way of playing.

Goal-den Rowland!

SWINDON'S County Ground is buzzing with expectation as memories of the club's famous League Cup final victory over the mighty Arsenal come flooding back.

The reason for the nostalgia is another, equally incredible, defeat of the Gunners – this time in a stirring quarter-final League Cup tie.

Swindon now stand just one game away from Wembley and one of the key men capable of making that dream come true is striker Andy Rowland.

It was his goal, in the dying minutes of extra time, that shot Arsenal out of the competition last month. It was also his fifteenth of the season... and he's hungry for more.

"We deserved that win over Arsenal. It wasn't a case of holding out, we put a lot of pressure on them," stressed Andy.

"A lot of people who saw Swindon's win over Arsenal in the League Cup final in 1968-69 have said last month's match was more enjoyable – even though it was only the quarter finals.

"The most important thing is to get to the final. Then who is to say we can't beat the Liverpools and Forests of this world.

"Liverpool are a bit clinical, but we believe in ourselves. We are confident," Rowland told MATCH WEEKLY.

Despite all the euphoria that a cup run like Third Division Swindon's is bound to generate,

settled. Now we are reaping the benefits.

"Towards the end of last season we hit the high notes and everyone was expecting us to have a good start to this season.

"As it turned out we didn't play that well, but we picked up the points. We were probably tending to 'play' too much away from home instead of being a bit cagey, but we are still creating a lot of chances away.

Partner

"A lot of teams are on the same level in the Division, but one team I expect to do well are Sheffield Wednesday. However, we are not worried about anyone – if we don't get promotion we want our backsides kicking," said Andy.

Undoubtedly one of the major facts in Swindon's fine form this season has been the scoring touch of Rowland and his striking partner Allan Mayes.

Between them, they have totalled more than 30 goals and Swindon manager Bob Smith says

SWINDON'S HUNGRY SHARP-SHOOTER



LEFT: Alan Mayes (dark shirt), Andy's partner in goal, in a tussle with Oxford's Colin Duncan.

ABOVE: Swindon Town match-winner Andy Rowland chases Arsenal defender Willie Young (right).

Bonus

Rowland regards the most important target for his club this season as promotion to the Second Division.

"I don't think our cup run will affect our League form. The manager tells us that cup games are a bonus and that's the way to look at it.

"In the cup you can be a hero one week and a forgotten man the next. Everyone at the club badly wants to get promotion. That doesn't mean we are not enjoying the cup, but finishing in the top three in the League is so important," he continued.

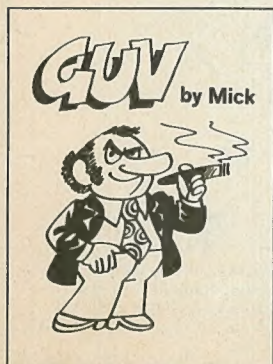
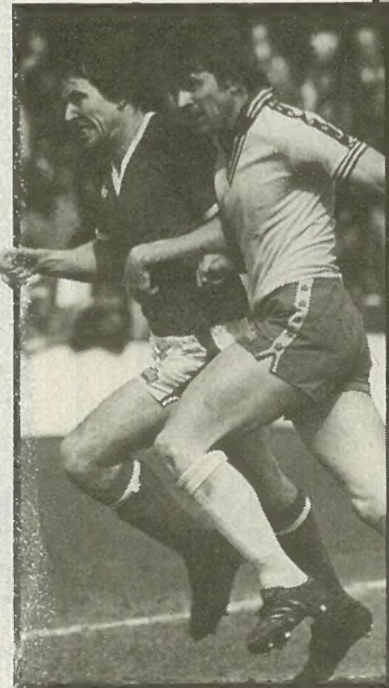
"We have developed a lot over the last year and finally the team is

they could hit 50 between them by the end of the season.

"Allan came to Swindon at around the same time as myself. He's smaller than me, but he's sharp and has good control. I suppose I'm more of a target man. But there's no revolutionary understanding – it's just our job to put them in the net," added Andy

(25), who was top scorer in all the four seasons he had with Bury before his move to Swindon last term.

Secret recipe or not, it's a partnership that must make Swindon's opposition in the League Cup semi-finals quake in their boots.





MATCH WEEKLY ANALYSES THE TOP TIES

'Cup drunk' Mariners

THE STREETS of Grimsby will be silent on Saturday as thousands of the East Coast fishing town's population head for Merseyside to support their "wonderful" Mariners.

And Grimsby manager George Kerr has promised his team's 'cup drunk' fans: "We are not just lambs going to the slaughter."

"Any side can go to Liverpool and get hammered, but we are going there to play and we'll take what comes," said the likeable Kerr.

"If we go there and play we may have a chance. When you look at the Liverpool side there are quite a few ex-Third and Fourth Division players there and although they have so much class we are confident enough to try a few things at Anfield."

"We will play our full part and we would like the Liverpool fans to look at that and enjoy what we have," said Kerr.

AN ALL-time record for the highest number of third round drawn matches on one day was set up on January 9, 1953. Of the 32 matches, 15 required replays.

THE biggest postwar win in a third round away replay was achieved by Manchester City who won 7-0 at Reading in 1967-68 after a 0-0 scoreline at Maine Road.

THE all-time record for the most players sent off in the third round dates as far back as January 9, 1915, when eight were dismissed on the same day... suitably that was during the First World War!

A THIRD round tie between Preston North End and Carlisle United on January 4, 1975, made history because it was the 84th and last tie in which Bobby Charlton, then player-manager at Deepdale, ever figured. No other player ever played in that many.

Currie faces old friends

WATFORD chairman Elton John calls it a "rotten draw"... but Watford skipper Dennis Booth is "looking forward" to it.

Said Booth: "We would have preferred a home draw because we have not been playing well away from home, but Rangers are a good footballing side and allow you to play."

The match will provide a sentimental occasion for Rangers' midfielder Tony Currie who started his professional career with Watford, but there will be no love lost.

Said Currie: "It feels like a long time since I played for them."



Ian Walsh of Crystal Palace.

Ian's family favourites

PALACE striker Ian Walsh plans a big reunion for family and friends in West Wales on Saturday, but warns: "I certainly hope they don't expect Swansea to win."

Welsh international Walsh comes originally from St Davids, but there will be no love lost on his fellow countrymen in the Swansea side.

"Peter Nicholas, another Welsh international in our side and myself will be determined to beat them. It won't be easy because Swansea are a good battling side and just as good as some of the First Division sides we have met in terms of spirit and commitment."

Cardiff go for glory

CUP HOLDERS Arsenal will be gunning to wipe out the memory of their shock defeat by Swindon in the League Cup quarter-finals when they step out on to the Ninian Park turf to defend their title on Saturday.

Said Gunners' defender Steve Walford: "This will be a hard game for us but I think we have learned things from that game with Swindon. It will certainly be in the back of players' minds when we go out against Cardiff."

"We certainly know what teams from the lower divisions can do and we shall tread carefully, but we ought to be able to get past Cardiff."

"However, they will raise their game and we have to match them in battling for the ball."

"You need some luck to go all the way to Wembley — luck plays a large part in any cup competition — but no-one is thinking about the final yet."

Swindon showed us how unwise it would be to do that."

Ironically when Cardiff became the first team outside England to win the FA Cup back in 1927 — a record that still stands — Arsenal were the opponents.

Greenhoff: I'm hopeful

LEEDS defender Brian Greenhoff puts no store in Forest's indifferent spell before Christmas making this an easier tie for his team... but he's hopeful the home advantage will swing it Leeds' way.

"They'll be back to their old form on Saturday — I'm sure of that. But if we can maintain the form we showed in the run-up to the holiday, I'm hopeful we can get through," said Greenhoff.

"We drew at Nottingham in the League but everyone knows cup football is different. I just hope that with home advantage we can do it — especially if we have maintained a settled team."

"Both sides depend very much on teamwork and it will come down to whoever hits it off on the day. It's going to be a hard game."

Brian Clough realises his Forest team have a hard game on their hands too, but he says: "Like most things in life it could have been harder. I swear to you I don't mind having to go there as distinct from playing at home. We don't moan about

cup draws — it's like arguing with referees."

"We have played well at Elland Road for the past two seasons in the League and at the end of last season we won well there."

BAD weather hit attendances at last season's third round ties. The best crowd was drawn by the Manchester United Chelsea match — 38,500. The smallest — that was 3,465 to see Darlington against Chesterfield.

Magpies are flying high

THE Magpies are the pride of the North-East this season and flying high at the top of the Second Division, but they have something of a chequered history in cup ties against "little clubs".

Despite that, the Gods are with them this season and they should handle Chester. However Newcastle manager Bill McGarry wasn't giving too much away when he said:

"Nothing is easy on the Wembley trail, but any home game is a good one for us and I'm happy with it."

Beat Match Weekly... that's the test for readers this week on the eve of one of the most exciting rounds of the FA Cup.

Match reporter Paul Stratton has predicted a possible scoreline for each match in the third round. Use your football knowledge to beat him.

There's a space for you, the reader, to fill in your own prediction. On Saturday you can see who got most right by adding up the correct scorelines in each column.

Steve Walford in action for Arsenal — he'll be gunning to erase the bitter taste of cup defeat but warns: "We'll have to battle all the way."



Cup forecast

FA Cup Third Round	Match predicts	You predict	Result
WBA v West Ham	1-0		
Notts C v Wolves	1-2		
Bristol C v Derby	2-0		
Chelsea v Northwich or Wigan	3-1		
Mansfield v Brighton	0-1		
Preston v Ipswich	1-1		
Everton v Aldershot	2-0		
Birm'ham v Soton	2-2		
New'tle v Chester	3-0		
Altrincham v Orient	2-1		
Wimbledon or Portsmouth v M'brough	0-0		
Chesham v Cambridge	0-1		
Halifax or Walsall v Man City	0-2		
Spurs v Man Utd	2-2		
Leeds v N. Forest	1-0		
Wrexham v Charlton	2-1		
Burnley v Stoke	0-3		
QPR v Watford	3-1		
Millwall v Shr'bury	2-0		
Cardiff v Arsenal	2-3		
Yeovil v Norwich	1-2		
Bristol R v A Villa	0-2		
Blackburn v Fulham	1-0		
Carlisle v Bradford C	0-0		
Luton v Swindon	3-2		
Oldham v Coventry	1-2		
Reading v Col'ster	0-0		
Liverpool v Grimsby	3-0		
Sunderland v Bolton	3-1		
Swansea v C Palace	1-1		
Rochdale v Bury	0-0		
Leicester v Harlow	2-0		



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Spurs have a score to settle

TOTTENHAM have a score to settle at White Hart Lane on Saturday and Spurs defender Chris Hughton reckons they can do it.

"The lads are hoping for a nice run in the FA Cup and I think we can do well.

"We know we can beat United because we have done it this season."

However, it was United that dumped Spurs out of the League Cup in the first round this season with a 4-3 aggregate scoreline over two legs.

And last season United knocked Spurs out of the FA Cup. Tottenham won the League clash at White Hart Lane this term.

Added Hughton: "Obviously we would have liked to have played a lesser side at this stage, but at the moment we are playing with a lot of confidence.

"It will be difficult to beat them because one of their strong points is that they never give up — they come back fighting and keep fighting.

"But Tottenham are a much more balanced side now and we are doing very well in midfield."

It's not a tie that United's Steve Coppell would have chosen to start the Wembley trail, but he says: "If we are going to win the cup we have got to beat the best and Tottenham are one of the best.

"It's difficult to say how it's going to go and I wouldn't like to say we are favourites — the cup is something special.

"But we have got to distinguish ourselves and prove ourselves at every hurdle if we are going to win something this season.

"Three players we will have to watch are Ricky Villa, Ossie Ardiles, who always seems to play well against us, and Glenn Hoddle who is scoring regularly.

"But we are a lot more compact as a side than we have been in the past and if we can stay that way we will be very difficult to beat."

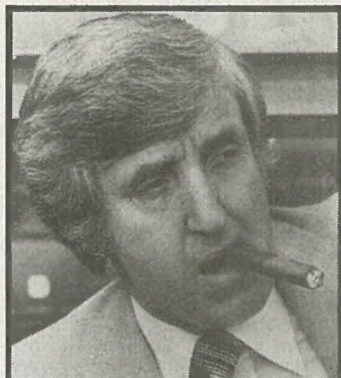
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Altrincham alarm bells

BILL Roffey, the Orient skipper summed up this clash by saying: "These kind of matches put the well-known side on a hiding to nothing."

Non-league Altrincham, with former Manchester United star Alex Stepney in goal, beat Rotherham 2-0 away in the second round... and rang the alarm bells for Second Division Orient.

Added Roffey: "I would much rather have been playing a League club at this stage — even a First or Second Division team — because we know nothing about Altrincham. If our attitude isn't right we will struggle badly."



A pensive John Bond, manager of Norwich. He knows the Canaries can't afford to take it easy at Yeovil on Saturday.

'A terrific test' — Bond

JOHN Bond will tell his players to treat this game as they would if it were against Liverpool or Nottingham Forest in a bid to prevent what would be the biggest upset of the round.

"We will have to work just as hard as if we were playing either of those two clubs. We will have to run our legs off to survive. It will be a terrific test of our character and temperament," warns the Norwich manager.

Non-league Yeovil slipped quietly into the second round with a 1-0 win over Enfield and followed that with victory over Slough to reach the third round.

Now comes the real test, but the Yeovil players must be relishing the prospect of Saturday's game more than their First Division opponents... especially with that infamous sloping pitch on their side.

In fact, it was Yeovil who handed Bond one of his first shocks of his managerial career when he was in charge at Bournemouth in 1970. Yeovil beat Bournemouth 1-0.

"The draw doesn't do us any favours," says Bond. "We will have to be in exactly the right frame of mind and do battle all the way down there, but I suppose it could have been a lot worse... we could have drawn Liverpool away!"

NEVER before did so many pay so much to see so little as in a Newcastle third round tie against Swansea on January 10, 1953. The gate was 63,480... but the match was abandoned after only eight minutes because of fog. When the teams met again in midweek another 63,000 crowd assembled.

A UNIQUE hat-trick in the history of the FA Cup arose when Cardiff City defeated Leeds at Elland Road three seasons on the trot in the third round... and by the same score each time. They won 2-1 in seasons 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Happy to miss the big fish

CARLISLE manager Bobby Moncur is one Third Division manager happy NOT to have netted a big fish in the third round.

"I am very happy to be playing Bradford at Brunton Park. Since I have been at Carlisle we have been knocked out by Liverpool, Manchester United and Ipswich. I was getting a bit sick of it," he said.

However, Bradford are up with the leading group in Division Four and their away wins total is good.

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Jock's respect for Harlow

Non-league Harlow — whose Neil Prosser has been attracting attention from top clubs — have the chance to pull off one of the major shocks of the round with their visit to Leicester, but Jock Wallace, manager of the Second Division side, warns: "There is no way we'll be taking it easy.

"We lost to struggling Charlton recently because we didn't fight like they did and the same will apply on Saturday unless we work hard. We will treat our opponents with the greatest of respect and care... funny things can happen in cup matches."

JIMMY Scoular — later to become a Newcastle United and Scottish international half-back and then manager of Bradford, Cardiff and Newport — was the first player in history to turn out for two different clubs in the Cup in the same season. In 1945-46 he played for Gosport against Salisbury and then in the third round he played for Portsmouth against Birmingham.

Millwall's revenge bid

GEORGE Petchey will lead his Millwall team into battle against Shrewsbury bent on revenge.

"They took our place in Division Two last season so we would like to prove we are the better side.

"We shall have to play better on Saturday than we did against Croydon in the last round, but we need the money further progress would bring," said the Millwall manager.

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Disappointing for Bailey

CHARLTON manager Mike Bailey admitted he was disappointed with this draw against fellow Second Division hopefuls Wrexham, but added: "If we want to advance we have got to win matches like this one and that's all there is to it.

"We will go there knowing we have to compete to the utmost. It will be tough and a good test to see how we can battle."

Uphill task for Bolton

STRIKER Alan Gowling admits his struggling First Division side have an uphill task at Roker Park.

"I know what Sunderland can be like when it comes to cup matches — it's always difficult to do well at Roker Park.

"But we will be giving it a real go because the match will provide us with a little bit of relief from our worries in the League this season," said Gowling.

It will be Gowling's first trip back to the North-East since his departure from Newcastle and he looks forward to the chance to meet up with old friends.

"I loved the North-East as an area and it will be my first match there since I left St James' Park three years ago.

"Added to that I will be playing against someone who greatly impressed me in my Newcastle days and that's Stan Cummins.

"He was with Middlesbrough then and I always remember him having one superb game against us. He will be one we will really have to watch."

Bolton manager Ian Greaves — his team are laying rock bottom in the First Division — doesn't relish the tie either. His reaction was simply to say: "It is daunting."

Sunderland manager Ken Knighton on the other hand must fancy his team's chances... despite his cautious public opinion.

"It would be nice to make progress in the cup and beating Bolton would be a good start. Sunderland has a great tradition for cup football — don't forget it is only six years since the club won the trophy.

"We have a terrific home record in the League this season and I would like to see us win this one in front of our own fans.

"Whatever happens promotion is still our main aim and none of us will forget that," said Knighton.



Bolton's Alan Gowling: "We've got an uphill struggle on our hands at Sunderland."

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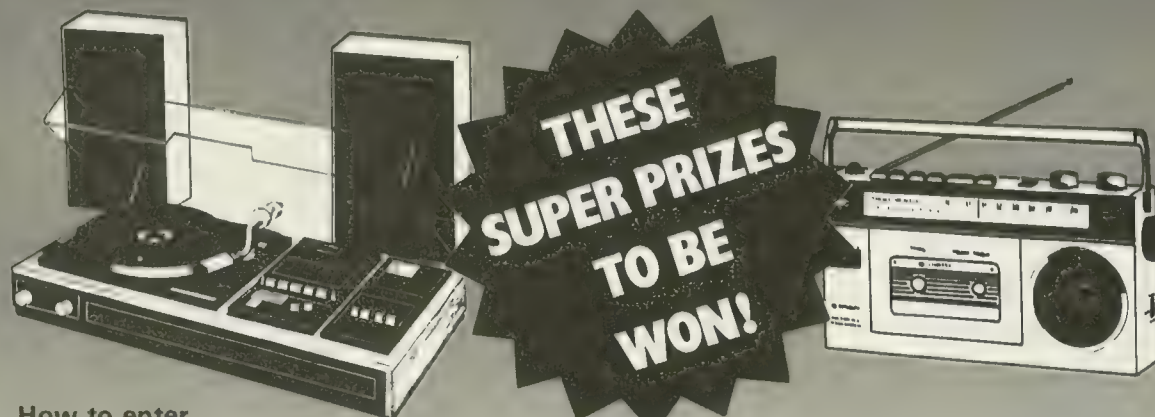


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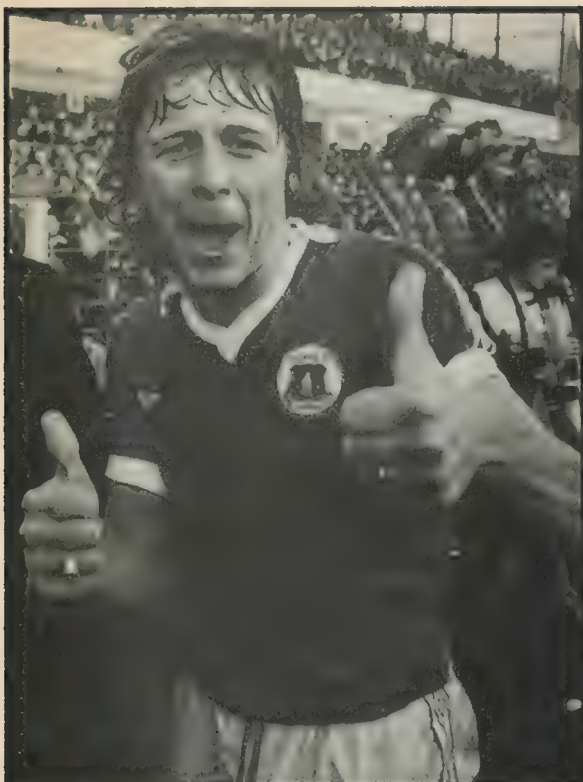
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Sounds good? Well here are this week's matches for you to have a go at.

- A — Liverpool v Southampton
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- D — Northampton Town v Torquay United
- E — Dundee v Morton

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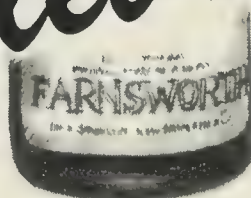


MAGIC! The face of Everton's Andy King says it all after he had scored the winning goal against Liverpool in the derby game at Goodison.



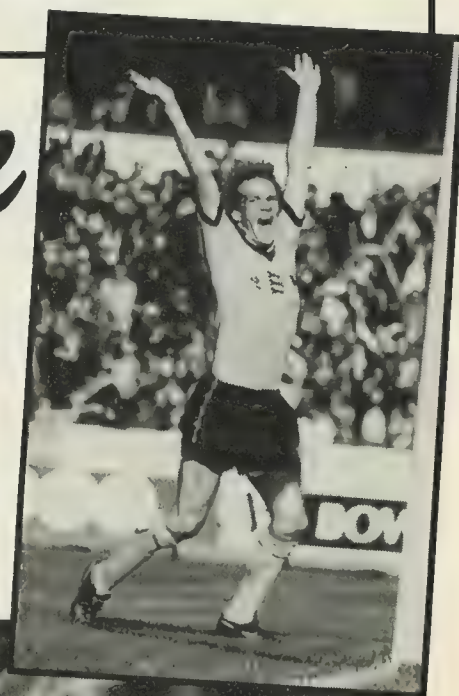
DYNAMITE from Birmingham's Tony Evans as he scored on his debut against Fulham.

Let's Celebrate



Left: FLYING TONIGHT: Liverpool and England 'keeper Ray Clemence takes to the air to celebrate a goal by the Merseysiders against Bristol City at Anfield.

Right: ACLELUJAH! Andy Gray sets Molineux alight with a goal for Wolves against Manchester United.



CHARITY CHEER for Terry McDermott after scoring Liverpool's first goal in their 3-0 victory over Arsenal in the Charity Shield at Wembley.





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Andy Gray

**Wolves
and Scotland**

United won't make it

I DON'T think Manchester United are good enough yet to beat Liverpool to the championship.

Before their numerous and fanatical supporters go straight for my throat may I say that I hope I am wrong, because no-one enjoys a one-horse race and I can't see any other club consistent enough to make the running. Arsenal probably have the best chance, but at this stage I fancy them for third place at best.

I think Dave Sexton has done extremely well to absorb the early criticism of the fans so hungry for success and quietly put a team together that is becoming very difficult to beat. Against Leeds in front of the biggest crowd of the season, they faltered after going a goal down and missing a penalty

...but I hope I'm wrong

but battled back to win a point. Obviously it wasn't the best day to assess their chances, but there were still signs of Sexton's sensible handwork to take the eye.

Young Gary Baily's consistent form in goal is a prime factor in United's improvement. Gary's outstanding in handling high crosses and is prepared to make a lot of ground to take them. Opposing players don't relish colliding with him and I don't blame them - he's a big lad.

you'd have a job to find one better. And whether it's alongside Gordon McQueen or the new sensational import from Ireland, Kevin Moran, Martin makes life a misery for strikers with his cool, relentless, defensive determination. With "play anywhere" Ashley Grimes on one side, Jimmy Nicholl on the other and all of them tackling far more resolutely than for some time, it is easy to see why teams no longer find it as easy to score against them.

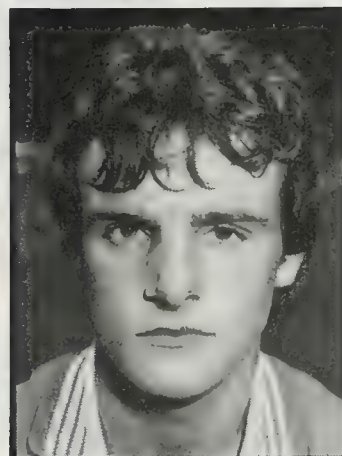
On the face of it in midfield there's plenty of ability. Sufficient anyway for Lou Macari, who I personally prefer in that role, to be deployed as a striker. I like Lou in midfield simply because he is liable to get 15 to 20 goals a season and will win you a point or two by providing a goal when the strikers are having an off day. There isn't a glut of those players about. Lou does a useful enough job up front but I am not sure his partnership with Joe Jordan is ideal.

Back to midfield, though, where I think the missing link is to be found. Steve Coppell is a player any manager would covet - he's fearless, works like a trojan, has masses of ability and will score his share. I can remember the days, though, when he would take on defenders on the outside far more often and provide plenty of sizzling crosses for others to feed on. In

Misery

I've always liked goalkeepers with a big kick, because that extra length continually pushes the territorial balance their way, especially if the attackers are prepared to jump for the ball bravely and consistently. I don't think any League goalkeeper kicks it farther than Gary, so he more than pays for his keep there too.

There may be central defenders as good as Martin Buchan, but



Kevin Moran... sensational new import from Ireland and, with Martin Buchan, part of a relentless defence.

working back more, it seems to me he's lost a bit of that.

Sammy McIlroy's skillful play, is a delight to watch and Sam would always be a manager's favourite because of his willingness at all times. Sam's never been a prolific scorer, because in the excitement of shooting he seldom stays with the ball long enough to strike it consistently. If he could only overcome that tendency he would be a player and a half.

"Butch" Wilkins has improved his capacity to work enormously since going to United. It started in his England games, where he found himself covering more ground than he might have thought possible and it's continued since. It means that Butch gets into penalty areas far more often, but he too calms down a fraction when striking at goal. The ability is there - it is only a question of relaxing and letting it come out.

Worker

The mention of relaxing brings me to Micky Thomas, a prodigious worker who is prepared to cover every blade of grass, at least on the left hand side of the field, in United's cause. I think Mick's a better player than he believes he is or perhaps some of the fans believe.

The clue came to me after he brought United back in the game with an equaliser. Confidence suddenly oozed from him and he began to look twice as good and four times as classy.

If I am on target with these observations and the players concerned decide to ram my words straight back down my throat, United might well then become a Liverpool. Then if United won the championship I'd be wrong again - or would I be right? It doesn't matter really as long as we all enjoy the guessing game and take it in the right spirit.



Sammy McIlroy (left) has never scored a lot of goals but he's always a delight to watch. "Butch" Wilkins (above, congratulating Mick Thomas) gets into penalty areas quite a lot these days, while Mick himself is a better player than he is sometimes given credit for.

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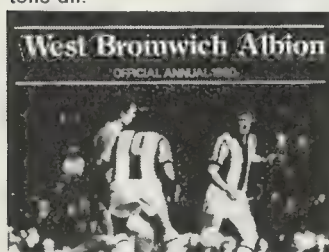
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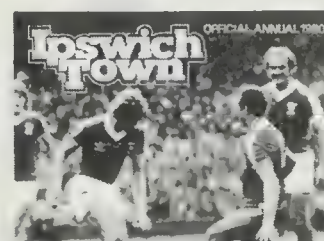
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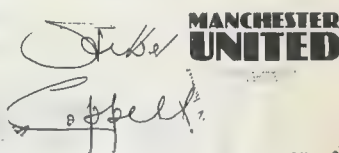
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Across

1. Switch Tony Cammot to find a first-rate centre-half. (5,5 anagram)
4. In short, a bench-bound player.
6. With Andy Gray, he poses a twin threat to the opposition.
8. Jock O'Scotland.
9. Both Wigan and Rangers have one.
10. Brighton forward, previously with Norwich,

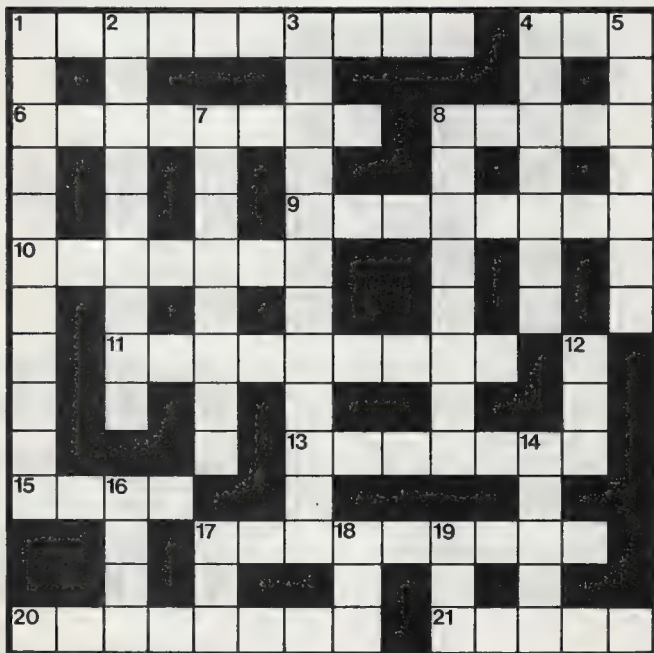
Spurs and Southampton.

11. Yes, Al Lees might turn out for the Sky Blues. (3,6 anagram)
13. He often takes a dive at Roker Park.
15. Not Captain – though Everton rate him highly!
17. Almanac man at Firhill Park?
20. Could be Ian, of York, or Bobby, of Coventry.
21. £3 million rated Italian star.

Down

1. Your page in **MATCH WEEKLY**. (7,4)
2. Of Ipswich and England. (4,5)
3. Despite the name, this Dell defender was born in Eastleigh!
4. West Ham's £400,000 Scottish signing.
5. Veteran 'keeper, now with Dundee United.

7. Turn Ron Deans into an England defender. (anagram)
8. The Shrimpers from Roots Hall.
12. Mr. Allison, we presume!
14. That Elland Road team.
16. Stoke City defender.
17. What every team hopes to do.
18. Bournemouth's free-scoring MacDougall.
19. Team known as The Honest Men.



Crossword compiled by Fred Dellar

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HOW's your soccer knowledge? How do you square up to Julian Pincher, the man who holds the title of 'BBC Brain of Sport'? He compiled this week's test to see how you rate in the quiz stakes. Turn to page 31 for the answers.

1. Which non-League team did Tranmere Rovers defeat 9–0 in the First Round of this year's F.A. Cup?
2. Who scored Northern Ireland's goal in their 1–0 win over the Republic of Ireland in the European Nations' Cup?
3. Which non-League team knocked Crewe out of this season's F.A. Cup?
4. Name the grounds on which the following play their home games:
(a) Blackpool,
(b) Charlton Athletic,
(c) Heart of Midlothian.
5. Name the only player to be named as the P.F.A. Footballer of the Year, and Young Player of the Year in the same season.
6. Manchester United were the first English team to play in the European Cup. Which

- team did they defeat 12–0 on aggregate in their first match?
7. From which club did Leeds United sign Arthur Graham?
8. Which team did Borussia Munchengladbach defeat in the final of the 1979 U.E.F.A. Cup?
9. Which British player was voted European Footballer of the Year in 1964?
10. Which man scored a hat-trick on his debut for England Under-21 in the 5–0 win over Bulgaria?
11. Name the only club to have been drawn at home in six successive F.A. Cup ties in the same season.
12. Name the last team to win the English First Division on goal average.
13. Name the first winners of Division Four.
14. Which man scored the most goals in the English Second Division in the three consecutive seasons of 1958, 59 and 60?
15. When Allan Clarke scored for Barnsley in the First Round of this year's F.A. Cup he set a new record for the number of goals scored in a career in the F.A. Cup. Who previously held this record?
16. Which current Football League player has won the most caps?
17. Which Englishman refereed the deciding match between Brazil and Uruguay in the 1950 World Cup finals?
18. Who scored Italy's only goal in the 1970 World Cup final?
19. Who did Spurs defeat in the final of the 1963 European Cup Winners' Cup?
20. Name the youngest man to play in a full international for Northern Ireland.



Who's this? Find out, and you'll have the answer to question two.

SCORE SIX

Using only letters that appear in **PETER SHILTON** can you find the six soccer words indicated by these clues?

1. An attempt to score.
2. Nickname of Peterborough.
3. Soccer is one.
4. The 'reward' in League matches.
5. Leicester's ground is Filbert ____.

6. Put up for transfer.

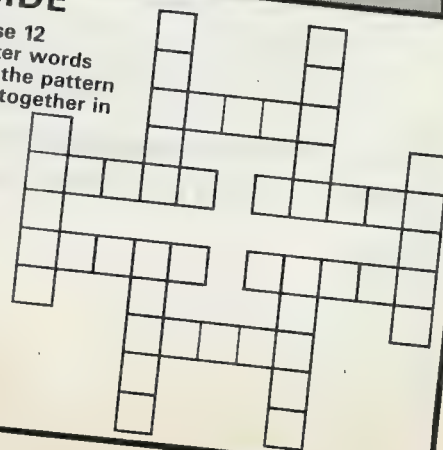
GOODISON PARK

1. First name of Everton's manager.
2. Everton's top-scorer last season.
3. Nickname of Wimbledon.
4. Manchester City play at Maine ____.
5. World Cup country in Argentina.
6. Nickname of Scunthorpe United.

FIVE-A-SIDE

Can you fit these 12 football five-letter words and names into the pattern below? They fit together in only one way.

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TRIAL



I TOOK time off from preparing for our hectic holiday programme to sit back and reflect upon England's chances in Rome next year.

If someone had predicted that England would qualify for the finals of the European Championship when Ron Greenwood took over from Don Revie two years ago I think Ron would have been very pleased.

It must then be a real bonus for him for England to have qualified in the impressive manner she has.

The side as it is today must be potentially the best team for a long time and it is not just one team of 11 players. The quality of the cover for all positions is such that Ron Greenwood could name two, possibly three teams, of more or less equal calibre.

Friendly

Through clever use of under-21, 'B' internationals and even representative teams in testimonial games Ron Greenwood has tried and tested, for every department on the pitch. Critics may say that centre-half is still a big problem with no adequate reserve for the dependable Dave Watson. But like Jimmy Hill I have really been impressed with the form of Kevin Beattie of Ipswich who I have been told is still not 100 per cent match fit. I'm sure that if anything did happen to Dave then Kevin could from just as solid an understanding with Phil Thompson.

With the very friendly and optimistic press coverage, everybody seems to be expecting great things from England in Rome.



Austrian centre-half Bruno Pezzey, who is such an elegant player and scored two goals against us last time. Here he's in action against Scotland.

Up against it!

Now, I am not one to put a damper on the positive line of approach, but I feel that it would be more realistic if England's position and achievements were put into perspective with the other countries expected to travel to Italy.

First of all there is Holland, who two years ago went to South Africa and finished as runners-up to Argentina in the World Cup. Inevitably with Ruud Krol, arguably the world's best sweeper, at the heart of their defence they are going to be a force to be reckoned with. This is a team with proven ability as their 3-2 victory over Poland, which ensured their qualification, showed.

Then of course there is West Germany. Here is a side supposed to be in a transitional period after their, for them, shambles in Argentina. Yet I believe that they are unbeaten in their last 11

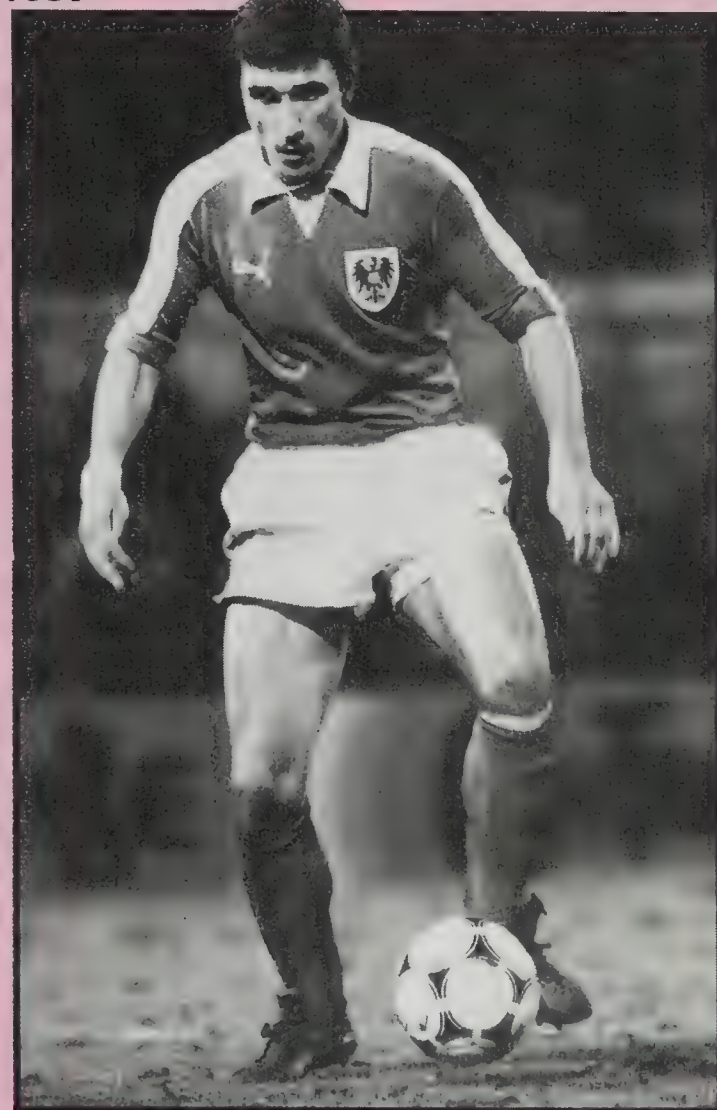
Tough

internationals, one of them being an impressive 5-0 win over Wales. I suppose that can be termed a successful transition!

By the time you read this we will know whether it is Austria or Belgium who have qualified from Group 2, but whoever it is they will provide tough opposition.

I know from first hand

England are good – but so are the rest!



Hans Krankl, who has helped to make Austria a world force. He was missing from the side which beat us 4-3 last summer!

experience that Austria are now very much a world force in football. I played in the 4-3 defeat in Vienna last summer and Pezzey, the elegant centre-half, scored two goals.

Partisan

The Austrian team we played against was without the services of Hans Krankl, so if they have qualified he will give them even more finishing power. If Belgium have succeeded and gone through then the fact that they qualified in a very hard group indicates their class.

Greece, Spain and Czechoslovakia are teams I do not really know too much about but as

Scotland found to their cost in Argentina it is often the teams you do not know much about that prove to be the most dangerous.

That just leaves the host nation Italy. I think that if the championships were being held anywhere in Europe then Italy would be amongst the front runners, so for the finals to be played in front of their own partisan supporters must make them odds-on favourites.

For them there are no problems with diet or climate which the rest of the countries will have to deal with. For English players, I feel that the climate will be particularly severe. Playing football in late June in an English summer is bad enough – just imagine what it will be like in Rome.

Steve Coppel

Saddlers riding high

IT IS only a matter of months ago that Alan Buckley was signing a contract binding him to Walsall. Now the little striker is sitting behind that same desk as manager of Fourth Division promotion-chasing Walsall.

In the meantime he has been transferred to Birmingham City for a club record fee and returned to Fellows Park for a similar record fee.

Behind these facts lie a series of events which culminated in Walsall losing their Third Division status and their record of having been in that section for longer than any other club.

Walsall's demise, which was brought about by the transfer of Buckley and three managers occupying the hot seat at Fellows Park in less than nine months, demanded swift action. The result was that Buckley received an offer to rejoin Walsall as player-manager in a bid to restore confidence in the club.



Relating those events Buckley, ABOVE now firmly established in the manager's role at Walsall, said: "The challenge of being the youngest manager in the game appealed to me at the time.

"I had been very disappointed to see Walsall slip into the Fourth Division only a year after they had appeared to be Second Division promotion candidates.

"When I returned I found a most depressing scene. There was no laughing or joking in the dressing room and I faced

the immediate job of sorting out the players who wanted to stay and help me and those who wanted to get away.

"Over a matter of a few weeks I transferred five players. As I quickly discovered it is very easy to transfer players but most difficult to obtain replacements.

"I faced the prospect of having to make do with the players at my disposal and working on their strengths and weaknesses. To be perfectly frank the prospects at the time were not very good but a new spirit quickly developed within the club and suddenly we hit form.

"Forced to draft in such players as Ian Paul, Don Penn and Ken Mower was a gamble of necessity but they all responded to the challenge magnificently and suddenly we are pushing strongly for promotion.

"They are all golden assets for the future and they are going to be very valuable to the club in a few years time. As youngsters they have their obvious drawbacks but they have demonstrated a maturity which could make them stars of the future."

Success

Buckley is quick to acknowledge that Walsall's success this season is very much a team effort and that he could not have carried out his duties without the aid and guidance of Bert Johnston, the former Charlton Athletic player, who has been associated with Leicester City, Nottingham Forest and Derby County in recent years.

"There is no way I could have done the job," said Buckley, "without the assistance of Bert. He has a wealth of knowledge and as I am playing he can spot things from the stand which would otherwise go unnoticed during a match.

"It is an ideal arrangement and in no small way has contributed to our playing success so far this season."

The fair-haired little striker, however, has not been without his own problems. He has been ill during the past few weeks and recently went 10 games without scoring which is a little unusual on his past form with the club.

He said: "The one great consolation is that other players have been scoring some good goals in this period and keeping the club in a good League position."



ADDRESS: Fellows Park, Walsall. Tel: 0922 22791.

GROUND: Capacity - 24,100

PITCH: 113yds by 73yds.

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 25,453 v Newcastle Utd., Second Division, August 29, 1961.

RECORD RECEIPTS: £12,775.35 v Newcastle Utd., F.A. Cup Fourth Round, January 25, 1975.

LEAGUE RECORD: 1892 elected to Second Division; 1895, failed re-election; 1896-1901 - Second Division; 1901, failed re-election; 1921 - original member of Third Division North; 1927 - Third Division South; 1932-36 - Third Division North; 1936-58 - Third Division South; 1958-60 - Fourth Division; 1960-61 - Third Division; 1961-63 - Second Division; 1963-79 - Third Division; 1979 - Fourth Division.

HONOURS: Best season in Second Division - 6th in 1898-99. Fourth Division champions 1959-60. Third Division runners-up 1960-61; best F.A. Cup season - 5th round 1939, 1975, 1978. Last 16 in 1888-89.

RECORD VICTORY: 10-0 v Darwen, Second Division, March 4, 1899.

RECORD DEFEAT: 12-0 v Small Heath, Dec 17, 1892 and v Darwen, Dec 26, 1896, both Second Division.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 65, Fourth Division, 1959-60.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 102, Fourth Division, 1959-60.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Gilbert Alsop, 40, Third Division North, 1933-34 and 1934-35.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS, AGGREGATE: Tony Richards, 184, 1954-63 and Colin Taylor, 184, 1958-73.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Colin Taylor, 459, 1958-63, 1964-68, 1969-73.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £175,000 from Birmingham City for Alan Buckley, Oct 1978.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £175,000 to Birmingham City for Alan Buckley, June 1979.

WALSALL will always be remembered as the first major giantkillers because of their famous F.A. Cup win over mighty Arsenal on Saturday, January 14, 1933, when they beat the London club 2-0.

The man who spearheaded Walsall's victory was their chunky centre-forward Gilbert Alsop, who still lives in the Staffordshire town.

Reliving the game Mr. Alsop said: "We needed no incentive to beat Arsenal who were then the cream of English soccer and full of internationals.

"But we were offered an extra £5 on top of our normal £4 if we managed to beat Arsenal.

"I headed Walsall into the lead in the second-half and later I was brought down in the penalty area and Billy Shepherd converted the spot kick.

"Arsenal didn't hang around after the game. It was straight on to the coach to Birmingham and the train back to Euston.

"The only player to come into the dressing room to congratulate us was the England international inside-forward David Jack."

Nearly two years ago Walsall made a visit to Arsenal and the Londoners gained revenge with an easy win.

Walsall, however, have several other notable Cup wins to their credit. They have, for instance, beaten Manchester United 3-2 after extra-time at Fellows Park and beat both Newcastle United and Leicester City in the F.A. Cup.

That win over a Manchester United side which included Martin Buchan, Lou Macari, Jimmy Greenhoff and Sammy McIlroy, was also a memorable match for Alan Buckley who scored two extra-time goals including a vital penalty after Buchan had brought down George Andrews.

● Walsall still have the ball which was used when they beat Arsenal - one of the few trophies in 19 years' history.



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It was said that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor begged to differ, and then they sign Stan Bowles from QPR . . . Swindon knocked out Arsenal in the League Cup quarter final adding further injury to their win over them in the 1969 Final . . . Tony Woodcock made his debut for Cologne.



"You should be able to pick me out in this weather, Brendan"

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CHAIRMAN of the club is Mr. Ken Wheldon, who has business interests in the town.

He has been in control at Fellows Park since Ron Harrison quit as chairman seven years ago.

His other sporting love is horse racing and in his time has owned several good winners.

Now he is hoping that Walsall too can become a good winner and gain promotion back to the Third Division at the first attempt.

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WALSALL's secretary is Walter Pepper, a former policeman. He took over from John Westmancoat a few months ago after operating in a general capacity at Fellows Park.

He was then programme editor, press officer, and in charge of all catering arrangements.

Prior to joining Walsall he had worked for the club chairman in Walsall.

★ ★ ★

The view from behind one of the goals at Walsall's Fellows Park ground . . . but it wasn't like this not so long ago. Walsall were the last club in the League to cater for spectators on all four sides of the pitch - there used to be a laundry behind one of the goals!

TWENTY years ago Walsall began a revival which took them from the Fourth Division into the Second Division in successive seasons.

They clinched a place in the Second Division with a 2-1 win at Gay Meadow to regain a place they had held exactly 60 years previously!

Their stay in this grade was relatively short-lived because after only two seasons they were relegated back to the Third Division where they remained until the end of last season.

During the mid-60s Walsall finally got rid of one of the most famous landmarks in English soccer - the laundry behind one of their goals.

It was the only ground in the Football League which could not cater for spectators on all four sides of the pitch.

In those days there were ambitious plans to turn Fellows Park into a modern all-the-year-round sports centre but lack of capital has prevented the idea getting past the planning stage.

Walsall were really down in the doldrums in the early 1950s and had to seek re-election to the Third Division (North) four years running.

It is extremely doubtful if they would have remained in the Football League had they sunk to such depths in present-day soccer because there are now more ambitious non-League clubs around willing to move up into the top-flight.

One fact of which Walsall are not very proud is that they have had 17 managers since the war.

The list includes Harry Hibbs, Tony McPhee, Brough Fletcher, Major Frank Buckley, John Love, Bill Moore (twice), Alf Wood, Ray Shaw, Ron Lewin, Dick Graham, John Smith, Ronnie Allen, Dave Mackay, Alan Ashman, Frank Sibley and now Alan Buckley.



How to get there -

By road: From North - use A461, signposted Walsall, then join A4148 Broadway North around ring road into Broadway West for Walsall F.C.

From East, South, West - use M6 until junction 9. Leave motorway and follow signs Walsall A4161, then turn right A4148 into Broadway West.

Railway station - Bescot (B.R.) from Birmingham New Street or Walsall.

Buses - 237 and 238 from Bradford Place.

(Directions courtesy of *The Supporter*, a guide to all League grounds, available at 50p from 76 London Road, Salisbury, Wilts.)



IAN PAUL is currently one of the hottest properties in the Walsall side. He is still only 18 and in his first full-season in the Football League side. An uncut diamond when he was drafted into the side, he is now beginning to shine with each polished performance. Was snapped up by Walsall after being turned down by Aston Villa. Ironically, his parents now run Villa's youth hostel.



TERRY MACKEN, the Eire international, is currently rated the best right-back in either the Third or Fourth Division. It was only Alan Buckley's arrival back at Fellows Park which persuaded him to remain with Walsall this season. He was one of several players Walsall signed from Derby County during Dave Mackay's managerial spell at the club.



DON PENN, like Ian Paul, is a discovery of ace chief-scout Ron Jukes, who has found a lot of good players for Walsall over the years. Currently Walsall's top scorer appearing on the right-flank where he is noted for his speed and direct approach work. Another feature is his ability to jump higher than opposition defenders who are often caught on the wrong foot by the teenager's approach on the 'blind' side.

WALSALL



RICKY SBRAGIA arrived at Walsall last season from Birmingham City. He could not prevent the Saddlers being relegated but this term he has formed an effective defensive formation with club skipper Dave Serella. The Scot is now enjoying his longest ever unbroken spell in the Football League and this consistency has played no small part in Walsall's revival this season.



RON GREEN has taken over as Walsall's first choice goalkeeper from F.A. Cup Final 'keeper Ian Turner this season. Previously he had been a very patient number two to both Turner and Eire international, Mick Kearns. He won his place when Turner was injured and has since produced a string of fine performances which have boosted his confidence. He was previously with Alvechurch in the Southern League.

Big Name Game

Even the greats must sweat



ALOUGH

IF THEY ever contemplate the disastrous step of forming an "elite" League in this country, they might just get the wrong names in the frame.

That would certainly apply at the moment when you look at the type of clubs currently striving to get out of the Second Division.

Names like Birmingham, Newcastle, Sunderland, West Ham, Chelsea (I could go on) are all involved in the battle to win promotion at the end of the season.

I just can't remember the last time there were so many "named" clubs outside of the First Division.

The very mention of some of them projects an image of tradition and greatness but, as they are no doubt finding out, it counts for nothing. No matter how big you are, you still have to produce the goods on the pitch - there's no divine right to success in football.

Promises and pretensions don't mean a thing unless they are fulfilled and it's the responsibility of the managers involved and their

dear directors to put big clubs back in their rightful place.

But there is more to it than merely getting back into the First Division. These clubs should be building for the 80s.

If I was in charge of a Second Division club now I wouldn't just be working on how to get into the First but how I was going to consolidate and go on to compete for honours.

Looking at the teams in the Second Division there does not appear to be an outstanding one among them, despite their previous status. But I hope that a bit of foresight is being given by managers and directors.

I know one thing - when we came out of the Second Division in 1977, we were not prepared for what was to come.

If I am honest we were totally unprepared but Peter Taylor and I encouraged, cajoled and in some cases blackmailed (in the nicest



Kenny Burns . . . a great bit of business when I signed him after judging sweet peas.

possible way) players to get the best out of them.

Then we faced the wrath that was coming from other areas and got on with the job of establishing Nottingham Forest as a First Division side.

Class

What we also did, of course, was to sign players of the calibre who were going to put us in with more than a chance of survival.

I remember judging a sweet pea competition and then going back to the City ground to sign Kenny Burns for £140,000 from Birmingham. What a bit of business that was.

And the season wasn't very old before I signed Peter Shilton and Archie Gemmill to add further ingredients of class and experience to the side.

Shilton was in the Second

Division with Stoke City when I went for him. He was available at £300,000 but a lot of people thought it was too much for a goalkeeper.

I had critics inside the City Ground for paying so much but it's fair to say they became silent a long time ago.

I know that those signings put us on a footing to compete with the others and it's history now that we went on to win the First Division championship and the League Cup.

There is obviously a lot of ambition among the sides currently trying to get out of the Second Division but only the people in charge of those clubs know how strong their foundations are.

We have all shared the experience of building sandcastles on the beach but seen them washed away when the tide comes in.

That sometimes happens in football!

Brian Clough



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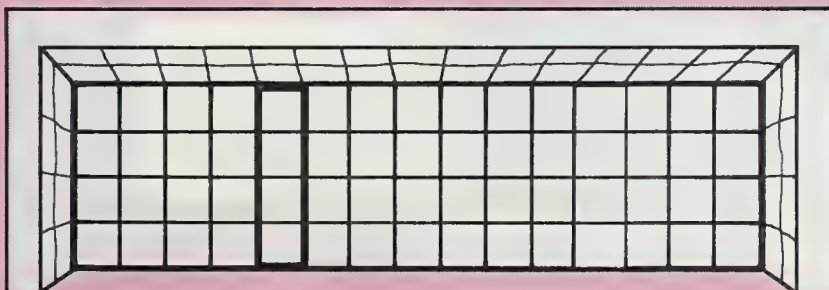
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**Brendan
O'Callaghan**
**Stoke City
and Eire**



ATKINSON

STATHAM v KENNEDY



I'M VERY glad one of our readers nominated my own player Derek Statham as a subject for analysis. Ideally I would love to have compared him with Kenny Sansom of Crystal Palace and it's very sad that they have emerged at the same time at the same age to compete for a place in the England side.

But earlier this year I discussed the styles of Sansom with Mick Mills and I felt that to compare Statham with a player like Alan Kennedy from the great Liverpool outfit was more than a fair test for the little man.

People may think I'm a little bit biased here because I happen to think that Statham is one of the finest left-backs I've ever seen. He's a lad, I feel, who could play in any side of any generation and not look out of place.

He's an exciting player, his control and touch on the ball is absolutely superb, of the highest order.

Alan Kennedy is similar in this respect, certainly from what I've seen in Liverpool's games against the Albion. He's inclined to pick up the ball, play it into midfield and carry on his runs and make himself available for the returns.

In fact, in the games against us last season, he twice went narrowly close to scoring by appearing in our penalty box on the end of a move that he'd started deep in his own half.

This obviously comes from the confidence which playing in a great side like Liverpool, seems to give a player. He can make these runs knowing full well that colleagues will cover for him while he's making his run.

Statham is essential at West Bromwich Albion to our style of play. We like to push people forward, attack from all angles and very often when we are attacking sides, it's Statham who's bringing the ball through to set up chances for his team-mates.

In the shooting category they don't score many goals. Certainly I feel Statham with his left foot particularly should score more goals, especially with the power he

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Neil Searle of 28 Tynybedw, Treorchy, Rhondda, Mid-Glamorgan nominated no less than six pairs of players for Ron Atkinson's analysis competition.

But it was the Derek Statham v Alan Kennedy nominations which caught the West Bromwich Albion manager's eye and won Neil a great leather football autographed by the Albion team.

Said Neil: "I am interested to know how Mr. Atkinson compares Kennedy, one of the best un-capped full-backs in England, and Statham, an outstanding, up-and-coming defender with plenty of skill."

can generate from his left foot.

It's one of the things we are always talking to him about. I am surprised that with the accuracy he shows in his shooting in practice games, he doesn't find the target more often. The same would apply to Kennedy I'll score them both eight which is a reasonably high mark for defensive players.

Kennedy has more adequate ball control, he's always comfortable for a full-back which is again a trademark of the great side he plays in. Statham's control is as good as anybody's in this country technique-wise, and he scores heavily here — he's almost perfection. Ten to eight to our Derek.

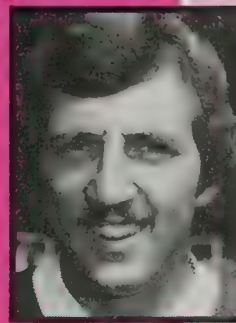
Statham can play it short or long with passing. He prefers to play it short because this encourages him to stay more in the game. Often he will play the ball into midfield players or strikers and go for the return. Kennedy can play short passes — it's the way that Liverpool play — but occasionally he will switch the play across to



Statham . . . exciting



STATHAM	KENNEDY
10	9
9	8
8	7
7	6
6	5
5	4
4	3
3	2
2	1
1	0
TOTAL	99
120	120



is good at jockeying players into errors. As a tackler he's quick to recovery as Manchester United's Steve Coppell will bear testament. Again here I would give him nine. On the other hand, when people isolate Kennedy and get him one to one, he can be exposed — eight for him there.

Kennedy gets it in the heading stakes he's a good solid defensive header in the Liverpool tradition. He's quite a bit taller than Statham, but it's incredible how often our man wins vital headers in our penalty box when bigger men like Roger Davies of Derby and Billy Ashcroft the Middlesbrough captain, have come in with seemingly simple tasks of scoring. He's managed to come in with a brave header and get a vital deflection.

Certainly neither man has any problems in terms of stamina. Nine marks for both on that. The demands on Kennedy aren't so much in this respect because Liverpool players tend to make shorter runs but all Liverpool players are super fit. They're worth eight on speed, both turn quickly and can make good little runs but Statham never gives less than 100 per cent in his team work and I'll give him ten — we try to encourage team play in every department at Albion. Kennedy in the Liverpool pattern emerges with at least nine. See you in a fortnight . . .

Ron Atkinson



Kennedy . . . confident

the far side for McDermott and Jimmy Case wide on the right.

To my mind, Derek doesn't give the ball away so much and I score it nine — eight in his favour.

Both are left-sided full-backs, but Statham's absolutely superb on his left side. I would give Statham top marks to Kennedy's nine.

On the right-hand side neither scores heavily. Statham's right foot is far better than he gives himself credit for and very often he will switch play with his right foot. Seven for each of them on the right are more than fair marks.

I've never met anyone with a better temperament than Derek. He's brave, can be heavily tackled but picks himself up and is no trouble at all. Maximum points. I'm not so sure about Alan. I've heard Liverpool players say he can get upset occasionally. I've never seen it, though, so I'll give him nine.

Though both are known as attacking full-backs their prime responsibility is to defend. Statham



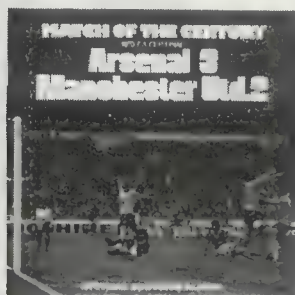
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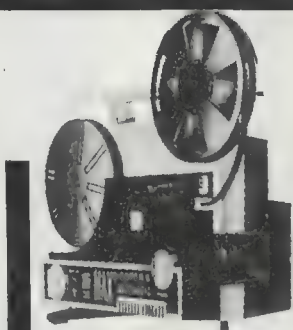
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ANDY PEAKE

HE IS young, talented and ambitious, a skilful creative midfield player who at the age of 18 has not only established himself by right in the first team, but has also won the wholehearted approval of the fans.

His name is Andy Peake, who can usually be seen in the No.4 shirt of Leicester City these days, as the Foxes' make a determined effort to regain First Division status.

In the space of just 12 months, Andy has scaled the peaks of his two major ambitions, which were firstly to become a regular in the Leicester City side and secondly to represent England.

Andy was an outstanding schoolboy player but living in Market Harborough he did not have much opportunity to utilise his ability, and so joined Southern League club Enderby Town. There he did not go unnoticed and it was not long before he was invited to join Leicester City and make football his career.

His big break came on January 6 1979, when he made his first team debut for Leicester City at Filbert Street in the third round of the F.A. Cup. City beat Norwich 3-0 and Andy had done enough to impress manager Jack Wallace and maintain his place.

On the 20th January, Andy made Andy Peake challenges Watford's Roger Jassby, who has since been transferred to Reading.

Leicester City

his debut in the Football League, sporting the No.8 shirt in Leicester's 1-1 home draw with Blackburn Rovers. He missed just two games from then until the end of the season, making most of his appearances on the right wing.

Besides Andy's ability to create chances he also possesses a powerful shot of his own, but by his own admission has not always made the best use of it.

Extra attention to shooting aim lately seems to have paid off. For last season he scored but two goals in 17 League games, that memorable first goal helping Leicester beat Newcastle United 2-1 at Filbert Street last February. This season Andy had notched 3 goals in 15 appearances and can also claim several assists.

One of his biggest moments was to score in his debut for the England Youth team in the 3-1 victory over Denmark in Esbjerg last October. "It was marvellous to play for England, the fulfilment of a dream because there is an extra thrill when you know you are representing your country," he says.

Now this young man has set himself another target... to play in the First Division with Leicester City.

Crystal ball boys

IF IT is true that football is all about players, then the game in Scotland has a lot to look forward to in the 1980's.

Sure, there are problems. The new freedom of contract deal could help escalate the exodus of our best players both to England and the continent.

There is still the mammoth task facing Jock Stein as he searches for the right combination to ensure qualifying for the third World Cup finals in a row.

And, of course, the snipers who seem determined to wreck the crowd-pulling Premier League are always with us.

But for all that, the game in Scotland is still producing exciting young players of skill and talent. Perhaps not in the numbers it once did but we still have them coming through to follow in the footsteps of Kenny Dalglish, Andy Gray and Gordon McQueen.

A random look at the Premier clubs, for instance, throws up many

KIDS TO WATCH IN 1980

who seem set to make their mark in the game.

The Aberdeen youngster Alex McLeish has already had clubs like Arsenal and West Brom sniffing around. Then there is St Mirren teenager Mark Fulton — a young centre-half forcing his way into the Under-21 reckoning.

Also in that category is Morton's hard-hitting defender Joe McLaughlin who this season has proved he can take his place among the top players. The same goes for Rangers winger John MacDonald



John MacDonald ... one to watch.

and Dundee striker Ian Redford. Just a few good reasons why 1980 is a year to look forward to.

JOCK Stein seems to prefer him as a midfield player, while Billy McNeil makes more use of him at the back.

The player caught up in the unusual club and country dilemma is Celtic youngster Roy Aitken whose involvement at top level for five seasons now gives him a maturity way beyond his 21 years.

"Actually I was signed as a centre-half in 1975" says Roy, "and I was brought into the first team at the back alongside Johannes Edvaldsson by Sean Fallon who was then acting team manager while Jock Stein was in hospital.

"Then when Jock Stein came back the next season he switched

time he turned down all offers from England. If he gets another chance he seems likely to have a very definite change of mind.

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AIRDRIE defender John Lapsley could be the target of a transfer bid by Hibs. The Easter Road Club who have recently signed Irishman George Best and Yugoslav goalkeeper Milorad Nizetic have now turned their attentions to the Broomfield full-back who has been with the club for nine years.

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AYR UNITED have been in touch with Fulham about former Rangers forward Gordon Boyd. Boyd is on the open-to-transfer list but even if Ayr can afford the fee it's unlikely they will be able to match the wages paid at Craven Cottage.

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CELTIC are in line for a European Cup warm up against Russian side Dynamo Tbilisi later this month.

The Russians, who knocked Liverpool out of the tournament earlier in the season, are coming to Britain during their winter close-down and having failed to land a match against Atletico Madrid and Arsenal, Celtic manager Billy McNeill is keen to line up top class opposition before the first quarter-final match due in March.

ROY THE ROVER

AITKEN — MAN OF MANY PARTS.

me to midfield where I played with Ronny Glavin and Kenny Dalglish in the side that won the double."

Next season saw the departure of Kenny to Liverpool and Danny McGrain out through injury. "It was a lean year and we won nothing. Jock Stein left to join Leeds United and then took the Scotland job".

"Frankly I don't care where I play so long as I'm getting a game" he says.

"Both positions have an attraction. I like midfield because you are more involved in the game. When the team is attacking the midfield attacks and likewise when you defend the midfield defends.

"At the back with Celtic, who do a lot of attacking, you tend to sometimes be more of an onlooker although I like to push up when I get the opportunity."

Aitken's versatility also seems to be giving manager Billy McNeil food for thought. McNeil, aiming for



Roy Aitken ... man of many parts.

The arrival of Billy McNeil from Pittodrie saw quite a number of significant changes at Parkhead. He signed players like Davie Provan, Murdo McLeod and Tom McAdam. Aitken found himself playing alongside McAdam at the back for the final 12 matches of the season — 12 games which brought Celtic the championship and a place in the European Cup.

So how does Roy see it all?

Switch

a side which plays football from the defence out, has placed the emphasis on skill at the back. Both McAdam and Aitken and full backs McGrain and Sneddon can all make good use of the ball.

But there have been occasions when he has missed Aitken's drive and power in the middle of the park and when things go badly he tends to make a switch during the game.

Jock Stein has no such worries. He apparently sees Aitken as a midfield player and makes full use of him there.

Prior to the match against Belgium on December 19 Roy had picked up only one full cap when he came on as a sub in the 1-1 draw with Peru.

But over the last four years he has been closely involved at Under-21 level in the midfield position. And now that he has broken into the top side he is the young man about whom we are certain to hear a lot.



John McNeil ... Morton's winger is interesting the big clubs.

MORTON winger John McNeil has been the focus of a lot of attention from Ipswich recently — but the interest will need to go into storage for the time being.

McNeil recently injured knee ligaments and with his leg in plaster is not expected to be back in action until later this month. He also had to pull out of the Scotland Under-21 squad for last month's match against Belgium.

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RANGERS winger Davie Cooper has been the target of renewed interest by Spurs. Cooper was dropped by manager John Greig for a few games after their European exit against Valencia but is now back in the first-team squad.

Spurs were among the clubs interested in Cooper when he played with Clydebank but at that

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PAUL CROSBY, of York, asks:

Has any player in the English Football League ever scored more than six goals in any one match?

● Seven players have in fact achieved this feat Paul. They are: Joe Payne (10), Luton v Bristol Rovers, April, 1936; Bobby Bell (9), Tranmere Rovers v Oldham, December, 1935; Tommy Briggs (7), Blackburn Rovers v Bristol Rovers, February, 1951; Neville Coleman (7), Stoke v Lincoln, February, 1957; Ted Drake (7), Arsenal v Aston Villa, December, 1935; Eric Gemmell (7), Oldham v Chester, January, 1952; Ted Harston (7), Mansfield v Hartlepool, January, 1937.

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M. THIRKILL, of Clayton, Bradford, asks:

What was the Bradford City team which beat Newcastle United 1-0 in the 1911 FA Cup final replay?

● The Bradford team for that replay at Old Trafford in April, 1911, was: Mellors, Campbell, Taylor, Robinson, Torrance, McDonald, Logan, Speirs, O'Rourke, Devine, Thompson.

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DERRICK POTTER, of Eastbourne, Sussex, asks:

Is there any team that has

never played in the First Division of the Football League?

● In fact there are a number Derrick. Of current Second Division sides there are six — Bristol Rovers, Cambridge United, Shrewsbury, Swansea, Watford and Wrexham. There are also 16 teams in the Third Division and 20 in the Fourth still waiting for their first season in Division One.



Liam Brady in his country's colours. How many times has he been capped? See Paul Cronin's question.



Peter Bonetti is now with Dundee Utd. But where did he make his debut? See Alan Anderson's question.

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PAUL CRONIN, of Ballina, Co. Mayo, asks:

How many times has Liam Brady been capped for the Republic of Ireland?

● Liam Brady has played 25 full internationals for Eire.

ALAN ANDERSON, of Lisburn, Co. Antrim, asks:

When and where did Peter Bonetti make his debut. How many games did he play for Chelsea and how many England caps did he get?

● Peter Bonetti's debut for Chelsea was in a home game against Manchester City on April 2, 1960, and he went on to play exactly 600 League games for the club. In that time he won seven full England caps.



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Monday, Dec. 17

FA Cup Second Round

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Crawford 43, McKenzie 89)
STAFFORD RANGERS (0) 0
 Att: 5,422
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Round 7, Branagan 6, Metcalfe 6, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 7, ★**BROTHERSTON** 8, Crawford 7, Craig 6, McKenzie 7, Kendall 6.
Stafford: Field 7, Wood, F 6, ★**NIXON** 8, Duncalf 7, Seddon 7, Deane 7, Secker 6, Chapman 6, Evans 6 (sub. Wood, A 6) Cullerton 7, Proudlove 6.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★★
 Sending Off: Proudlove (Stafford)

Tuesday, Dec. 18

League Cup Fifth Round, Second Replay

GRIMSBY (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 2 (Hibbitt, pen 50, Wigginton, og 57)
 (Played at Baseball Ground, Derby)
 Att: 16,475
Grimsby: Batch 6, Stone 6, Moore, K 6, ★**WATERS** 8, Wigginton 7, Crombie 6, Brooley 6, Ford 5 (sub. Liddell 5), Drinkell 5, Mitchell 6, Cumming 6.
Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, McAlle 7, Hughes 6, Berry 6, Hibbitt 6, ★**CARR** 8, Gray 7, Richards 7, Eves 7.
 Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★★

FA Cup Second Round

CHESTER (0) 1 (Raynor, pen 86)
BARNSELY (0) 0
 Att: 4,616
Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 7, Walker 6, Storton 5, Cottam 5, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 6, Jones 7, ★**RUSH** 8, Phillips 6, Henderson 5.
Barnsley: ★**SPRINGETT** 8, Flavell 5, Collins 6, Glavin 6, Hunter 6, McCarthy 7, Banks 5, Clarke 7, Aylott 7, Lester 6, Graham 6.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Sermanni 6, Cooper 47, Lawrence 77)
SWINDON (1) 3 (Mayes 12, Tucker 69, Rowland 84)
 Att: 5,900
Torquay: Turner 6, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 7, Pethard 6, Bourne 6, Sermanni 7, Davies 7, Lawrence 6, ★**COOPER** 8, Smith 7, Murphy 6.
Swindon: Allan 6, Lewis 6, Ford 6, McHale 7, Tucker 7, Stroud 6, Miller 7, Kamara 6, Rowland 7, ★**MAYES** 8, Williams 7.
 Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 10,850
Wimbledon: Goddard 7, Briley 6, Jones 6, ★**GALLIERS** 8, Bowgett 6,



John Matthews — his 67th minute goal helped keep Sheffield United firmly on course at the top of Division Three as they beat Southend United 2-0 at home. Paul Garner got the other.

Downes 6, Dziadulewicz 7, Parsons 6, Denny 6, Cork 5, Lewington 7.
PORSMOUTH: ★KNIGHT 8, Ellis 6, Viney 6, Brisley 6, Aizlewood 7, Davey 6, Garwood 6 (sub. Perrin 7), Laidlaw 6, Hemmerman 6, Bryant 6, Rogers 7.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

FA Cup Second Round Replay

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Harris 32)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley 60)
(After Extra Time, 1-1 after 90 mins)
Att: 3,641
Halifax: Kilner 7, Dunleavy 6, Hutt 7, Evans 7, Harris 6, Hendrie 7, Firth 7, ★**KENNEDY 8**, Burke 6, Smith 7, Stafford 6 (sub. Mountford),
Walsall: Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 6, Sbragia 6, Serella 7 (sub. Williams), Paul 7, Penn 7,
★**WADDINGTON 8**, McDonough 7, Buckley 7, Caswell 6.
Referee: D. Webb (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HARLOW (0) 1 (Mann 57)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
Att: 5,000
Harlow: Kitson 7, Wickendon 7, Edmunds 7, Flack 7, Clarke 7, Gough 7, Prosser 8, ★**MANN 9**, Twigg 7 (sub. Austin), McKenzie 7, Griffiths 8.
Southend: Cawston 7, Dudley 6, Hull 6, Stead 6, Moody 6, Hadley 5, Morris 8, Pountney 7, Parker 7,
★**OTULAKOWSKI 9**, Tuohy 7.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MILLWALL (0) 3 (O'Callaghan 74, Townner, pen 81, Mitchell 100)
CROYDON (0) 2 (Constable 52, pen 87)
(After Extra Time, 2-2 after 90 mins)
Att: 4,631
Millwall: Jackson, J. T., Donaldson 7, Roberts 6, Chatterton 6 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), Blyth 7, Tagg 6, Townner 7, Seasman 6, ★**MITCHELL 8**, Lyons 6, Mehmet 7.
Croydon: Cobb 7, ★**CONSTABLE 8**, Grose 6, Ward, A. T., Shinnars 6, Walker 6, Prime 7, Jackson, A. 6, Sales 6, Ward, R. T. (sub. Pooley), Sunnucks 7.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Hilditch 49, Hart 59)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Beamish 69)
Att: 2,706
Rochdale: Watson 8, Hart 7, Snooks 7, Bannion 7, ★**WALDRON 9**, Taylor 8, Esser 7, Wann 7, Seal 8, Weir 6, Hilditch 7.
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 7, Flood 7, Bramhall 7, ★**EDWARDS 8**, Evans 7, O'Neil 7, Craven 7, Lumby 6, Beamish 7, Kelly 7 (sub. Kerr).
Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

YORK (0) 0
BURY (0) 2 (Hilton 87, Madden 88)
Att: 4,932
York: Neenan 7, Kay 6, Harrison 6, Ford 6, ★**JAMES 8**, Clements 7, Randall 6, Lorimer 6, Byrne 6 (sub. Faulkner), McDonald 6, Wellings 7.
Bury: ★**FORREST 9**, Constantine 7, Kennedy 7, McIlwraith 7, Waddington 7, Whitehead 7, Mullen 7, Wilson 8, Madden 7, Hilton 8, Halford 7.
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

QPR (1) 2 (Allen 36, 88)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Langley 42, Bumstead 49)
Att: 26,598
QPR: Woods 7, Shanks 7, Gillard 7, McCreery 7, Hazell 7, Wicks 7, Goddard 7, Roeder 8, ★**ALLEN 9**, Waddock 8, Burke 7 (sub. Busby).
Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 7, Sparrow 7, Bumstead 8, Pates 7, ★**CHIVERS**

9, Britton 8, Fillery 7, Langley 8, Walker 7, Harris 8.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

European Under-21 Championship

SCOTLAND (2) 2 (Stewart, pen 30, Melrose 44)
BELGIUM (0) 2 (Lecloux 69, Martens 78)
(At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh)
Att: 7,500
Scotland: Thomson 7, ★**STEWART 8**, Dawson 6, McLeish 6, McNichol 6, Fulton 6, McCluskey 6, Russell 7 (sub. Melrose 6), Archibald 6, MacLeod 5, Brazil 7 (sub. Tolmie 5).
Belgium: Preud' Homme 6, De Vriese 5, ★**DE WOLF 8**, De Greef 7, Mariman 5, Snelder 6, Ipermans 5 (sub. Claes 6), Mommens 7, Bosch 6, Lecloux 6, Martens 6.
Referee: P. Jensen (Denmark)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Donovan 8, Little 51, 60)
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 24,446
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 8, Gibson 7, Ormsby 8, McNaught 8, Bullivant 8, Bremner 8, ★**LITTLE 9**, Donovan 8, Cowans 8, Shaw 8.
Coventry: Sealey 7, Roberts 6, ★**MCDONALD 8**, Gooding 6, Holton 6, Gillespie 6, Hutchison 6, Wallace 6, Ferguson 6 (sub. Whittton 6), Blair 6, Hunt 6.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

FA Cup Second Round

CHESHAM (0) 1 (Woolfrey 52)
MERTHYR TYDFIL (1) 1 (Doherty, pen 25)
Att: 3,052
Chesham: Baguley 8, Griffiths 8, Smith 7, Horrastead 7, Dodd 7, Johnson, P. T., Jactett 7, ★**WATT 9**, Martell 7, Johnson, D. 8, Woolfrey 7.
Merthyr: Payne 7, Petherbridge 7, Jones, P. T., Holvey 6, Rosser 7, Doherty 7, Morgan 7, Jones, D. 7, Pratt 8, ★**ELLIOTT 9**.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Bourn, Cambs)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

European Championship Group II

SCOTLAND (0) 1 (Robertson 55)
BELGIUM (3) 3 (Van Der Bergh 18, Van der Elst 23, 30)
Att: 25,389
Scotland: Rough 7, Jardine 6, ★**MCGRAIN 8**, Burns 6, McQueen 6, Aitken 6, Bannion (sub. Provan 7), Wark 6, Johnstone 5, Dalglish 6, Robertson 6.
Belgium: Custers 7, Gerets 7, Millichamps, L. T., Meeuws 7, Martens 7, Cools 7, Van der Eycken 6, Van Moer 7 (sub. Plesser), ★**VAN DER ELST 8**, Van Den Bergh 7 (sub. Gargenne), Cuelemans 7.
Referee: H. Aldinger (West Germany)
Match Rating: ★★

Friday, Dec. 21

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton 52)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Bond 68)
Att: 18,869
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6, Nelson 6 (sub. McDermott 7), Talbot 7, ★**O'LEARY 8**, Walford 6, Brady 7, Sunderland 7, Stapleton 7, Hollins 6, Rix 7.
Norwich: ★**KEELAN 9**, Bond 7,

Downs 6, Ryan 8, Brown 7, Jones 7, Mendham 7, Taylor 7, Robson 6, Paddon 6, Peters 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Hants.)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Channon 53)
Att: 12,489
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Sweeney 6, Whitehead 6, Gow 6, ★**KENYON 8**, Merrick 7, Fitzpatrick 6, Tainton 6, Royle 5, Ritchie 5, Mann 5 (sub. Mabbutt 6).
Southampton: Wells 7, Golac 6, Peach 7, Williams 7, Watson 7, Nicholl 7, Ball 6, Boyer 7, Channon 7, ★**HOLMES 8**, Hebbard 7.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE v WBA — Match Postponed

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Mariner 33, Muhren 37, Gates 50)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (McAllister 16)
Att: 18,852
Ipswich: Cooper 8, Burley 7, Mills 8, Thijssen 8, Osman 7, ★**BUTCHER 9**, Wark 7, Muhren 8, Mariner 8, Gates 7, Brazil 7.
Spurs: Daines 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Yorath 7, McAllister 6, Perryman 7, ★**ARDILES 8**, Jones 6, Lee 6, Huddle 7, Villa 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Armstrong 3, Craggs 20, Cochrane 60)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Morgan, pen 69)
Att: 11,813
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 8, Johnson 7, Hedley 7, ★**ASHCROFT 9**, McAndrew 6, Cochrane 6, Proctor 6, Hodgson 6, Jankovic 6, Armstrong 7.
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Graham 6, Burke 6, Greaves 6, Allardye 6, Walsh 6, ★**MORGAN 8**, Whatmore 7, Gowing 6, Cantello 5, Nicholson 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (0) 0
LEEDS (2) 2 (Harris 28, Connor 32)
Att: 16,875
Stoke: ★**JONES 8**, Evans 6, Johnson, P. 6, Johnson, P. A. 5 (sub. Busby), Dodd 6, Doyle 5, Heath 7, Richardson 5, O'Callaghan 6, Crooks 6, Randall 7.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Stevenson 7, Hamson 7, Hart 7, Greenhoff 8, Gray 7, Hird 8, ★**CONNOR 9**, Curtis 7, Harris 8 (sub. Entwistle).
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves 82)
BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Ward 37, 44, 69)
Att: 15,807
Wolves: Bradshaw 5, ★**PALMER 8**, Parkin 7, McAlle 5 (sub. Brazier 5), Hughes 6, Berry 5, Hibbitt 7, Carr 7, Clarke, W. T., Eves 6, Thomas 6.
Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 7, Williams 6, Horton 8, Stevens 7, Suddaby 7, Ryan 6, ★**WARD 9**, Clarke, R. 6, Lawrenson 7, O'Sullivan 7.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Burke 67)
WREXHAM (0) 0
Att: 6,129
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Arins 6, Brennan 6, Burke 7, Overson, V. 6, Rodaway 6, ★**JAMES 8**, Dobson 7, Hamilton 7, Young 6, Smith 6.
Wrexham: ★**DAVIES 8**, Darracott 6, Kenworthy 6, Davis 6, Jones 6, Fox 7, Vinter 6, Sutton 6, Edwards 6, McNeil 6, Hill 6 (sub. Roberts).
Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM v BRISTOL ROVERS — Match Postponed

LEICESTER (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 0
Att: 12,788

Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Rofe 6, Peake 6 (sub. Goodwin 6), May 7, O'Neill 7, ★**LINEKER 8**, Henderson 7, Young 7, Kelly 6, Smith 6.
Cardiff: Grotier 7, Dwyer 7, Sullivan 7, Campbell 6, Ponting 6, Thomas 7, Lewis 6, ★**BISHOP 8**, Stevens 6 (sub. Moore 6), Ronson 6, Hughes 7.
Referee: M. J. Bidmead (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (2) 3 (Stein 5, 37, Hatton 50)
CHARLTON (0) 0
Att: 7,277
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 6, Donaghy 7, Grealish 6, Saxby 7, Price 7, Hill 8, West 8, ★**STEIN 9**, Hatton 8, Moss 7.
Charlton: ★**WOOD 9**, Hazell 7, Shaw 6, Tydeman 6, Berry 6, Madden 6, Powell 6, Jacobson 5 (sub. Robinson 7), Hales 5, Walker 6, Gritt 6.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse, Gloucs)
Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Steel 24)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 6,652
Oldham: McDonnell 7, Wood 7, Holt 7, Kowenicki 7, Clements 7, ★**HURST 9**, Valentine 8, Halom 6, Steel 7, Stainrod 8, Atkinson 6.
Birmingham: Wealdens 6, Broadhurst 5, Dennis 5, Gemmill 6, Gallagher 5, Todd 7, Lynex 7, Worthington 6, Bertschin 7, ★**DILLON 8**, Johnston 6 (sub. Curbishley 6).
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 90)
WATFORD (0) 2 (Patching 65, Rostron 72)
Att: 8,956
Preston: Tunks 8, Taylor 7, Wilson 6, Burns 6 (sub. McGee 6), Baxter 7, O'Riordan 6, ★**BELL 9**, Haslegrave 6, Elliott 8, Coleman 6, Bruce 7.
Watford: Steele 8, Henderson 7, Harrison 7, ★**PATCHING 9**, Sims 8, Bolton 7, Downes 7, Blissett 8, Mercer 7, Train 7, Rostron 8.
Referee: M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Marangoni 28, Arnott 88)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Maguire 62)
Att: 21,237
Sunderland: Turner 6, Whitworth 7, Bolton 6, Clarke 7, Elliott 7, Buckley 7, ★**ARNOTT 8**, Cummins 7, Brown 6 (sub. Rowell 6), Robson 6, Marangoni 7.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King 7, Larkin 6, Lindsay 7, Griffin 7, Keay 6, ★**TONG 8**, Atkins 6, Chapman 7, Dungworth 7, Maguire 7.
Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 0
ORIENT (1) 1 (Taylor 38)
Att: 10,342
Swansea: Letheren 6, Evans 6, ★**RUSHBURY 7**, Charles 6, Phillips 5, Mahoney 5, Giles 5, Attley 5 (sub. Stevenson 6), James 6, Loveridge 6, Callaghan 6.
Orient: Day, 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Taylor 6, Gray 5, Moores 5, Godfrey 7, Hughton 6, Mayo 6, Margerrison 6, ★**COATES 8**.
Referee: C. L. Newsome (Shropshire)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 3 (Stewart 47, Pearson 61, Neighbour 68)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Biley 36)
Att: 11,721
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 6, Devonshire 7, Allen 6, Pearson 6, Cross 6 (sub. Pike 6), ★**BROOKING 8**, Neighbour 6.
Cambridge: Webster 7, Stringer 6, Murray 6, Calderwood 7, Fallon 6,

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Soccer Bowl '80 venue

NEXT year's United States 'cup final' – the Soccer Bowl – will be played on September 21 at Washington DC's RFK stadium. The game will be televised over the ABC network.

The match had originally been pencilled in for one day earlier, but in recognition of the fact that September 20 coincides with the Yom Kippur holiday the date was changed.

Soccer Bowl '80 will culminate the 14th season of the North American Soccer League and will be the first such game ever held in Washington DC.

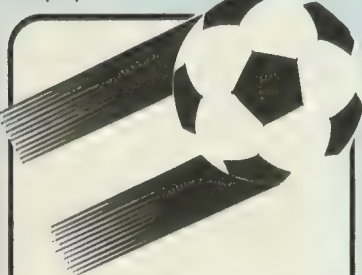
Rap for Polish stars.

FOUR Polish players have been banned from travelling abroad because of their behaviour after the international against Holland in October.

Zbigniew Boniek and Stanislaw Terlecki were banned from trips and ousted from the national squad for six months and Grzegorz Lato and Antoni Symanowski for three months.

Apparently the four stars demonstrated misbehaviour towards the journalistic staff sent to Amsterdam to cover the match.

National coach Ryszard Kulesza was also reprimanded for lack of response to the 'misbehaviour' of the players.



ESPAÑA 82

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Greek Players Strike

GREECE may be on their way to Rome as a shock qualifier for the finals of the European Championship, but they have problems at home.

The country's professional players have hung up their boots and gone on strike in support of demands for social welfare benefits, fewer club restrictions and the right of appeal to civil courts in soccer disputes.

A spokesman for the players said: 'We will continue our refusal to play unless a decision is made for a definite date to hear our demands.'

More than 500 players from 18 clubs in the First Division of the Greek soccer league have also asked the Government for special medical services and a pensions fund for footballers.

The Government's view is that many players have second jobs in public corporations or own shops, and already have social insurance as a result.

Players also want the right of free transfer after five years, instead of eight, and a bonus of 80,000 dollars after five years service with the same club.

Meanwhile semi-professionals from Greece's 40 Second Division clubs have also gone on strike asking for more Government money to assist their clubs.

BRAZILIANS IN TURMOIL

THERE'S an awful lot of hassle in Brazil, if recent events are anything to go by.

The problems facing Brazilian soccer were reflected when:

- Corinthians Club of Sao Paulo armed itself with a court order and refused to take part in a State championship match.

- Three cup matches have been called off – one of them because club officials forgot to book plane tickets and two others because it was raining so hard that their planes never took off.

- Claudio Coutinho, much-criticised coach of Brazil's national team, sent a memo to the country's sports bosses demanding that someone put the country's soccer in order.

The Corinthians incident followed a demand by the club's president, Vicente Mateus, that the club should get a bigger proportion of the gate money for a championship event involving two matches on the same day before the same crowd in Sao Paul's giant Morumbi Stadium.

Half-an-hour before the game was due to start, he waved a court order allowing him to keep his team away without losing points in the championship – and sent his players home.

PARAGUAY – the team that inflicted a shock defeat over three times World Cup winners Brazil – have won the America Cup Soccer Championship.

They tied with Chile 0-0 in the decisive match of the championship and took the title on goal difference.

The match – played on neutral territory – went into a 30-minute over-time period, but both teams still failed to score.

For Paraguay it was only their second victory in the history of the America Cup. They last won it in 1953, beating Brazil.

- Paraguay's Olympia club stand to win the Intercontinental Cup having beaten Malmo of Sweden 1-0 in the first leg away from home.

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POLICE were called in to investigate the stabbing of a North American Soccer League player at a beer hall brawl in South Africa.

Kenneth 'The Horse' Mokgoja, a member of the Washington Diplomats team, was stabbed in the chest several times.

He was visiting his home and was due to return to the United States in February, but doctors have said it is unlikely Mokgoja will be able to play before March.



TITLE-holders Ghana begin their defence of the Africa Nations championship with a match against Algeria on March 8 at Ibadan, Nigeria. Also qualified in this group are Guinea and Morocco, while battling out for a place in the final in Lagos on March 22 are Egypt, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and hosts Nigeria.

Algeria and Tanzania are making their first appearances in the tournament, while surprise omissions are former champions Congo (1972), Sudan (1970), Ethiopia (1962) and Zaire (1968 and 74) all of whom failed to qualify.

Results—

East Germany

East German First Division: Dynamo Berlin 2, FC Union Berlin 0; Vorwarts Frankfurt 0, FC Lok Leipzig 5; Sachsenring Zwickau 2, Chemie Halle 0; Wismut Aue 0, Stahl Riesa 0; FC Jena 1, Erfurt 1; Chemie Leipzig 1, Dynamo Dresden 4; FC Magdeburg 2, FC Karl-Marx-Stadt 0. Top standings after 12 matches: Dynamo Dresden 22 points, Dynamo Berlin 18, FC Jena 16, Chemie Halle 16.

Hungary

Hungarian First Division: Mtk-VM 1, Ferencvaros 1; Diosgyor 1, U. Dozsa 2; Mav Eloré 1, Debrecen 0; Békéscsaba 2, Pecs 0; Dunaujvaros 3, Velen 0; Pecs VSK 1, Tataanya 3; Honved 2, Videoton 0; Zalaegerszeg 3, Raba Eto 2; Veszé 2, Salgotarjan 0. Top standings after 18 matches: Honved 22 points, Ferencvaros 20, Veszé 19, Videoton 19, Zalaegerszeg 18.

France

French First Division: Lyon 2, Nancy 1; St. Etienne 2, Lille 0; Metz 0, Strasbourg 0; Monaco 2, Laval 0; Paris St. G. 2, Marseille 0; Nantes 3, Lens 0; Bastia 2, Nîmes 0; Nice 2, Valenciennes 0; Sochaux 7, Brest 0; Bordeaux 2, Angers 1. Standings: Monaco 31, Nantes 29, St. Etienne 28, Sochaux 27, Paris St. G. 22, Strasbourg 22, Lens 21, Nîmes 21, Valenciennes 21.



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But the lip,

Alan

DURING a televised match between Ipswich and Southampton, at one stage Alan Ball was seen giving a lot of lip to a linesman. I think linesmen should be able to book players who give them back chat. Do other people agree?

Andrew Gregory, Denton, Manchester.

... Ball made two or three bad fouls before the referee gave him the yellow card. I was even more surprised at his behaviour when he stood on the goal line when the penalty awarded to Ipswich was being taken. The referee came over and talked to him but did not give him the red card. Ball continued to shout at the ref but still remained on the field of play for the full 90 minutes.

In these situations I feel referees should take more action.

Paul Chandler, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

... Ball, a player of undoubted class, was seen to be "laying" into an official with verbal abuse. The cameraman's close-up shot of Ball made it obvious what he was saying.

In my view Ball's actions were totally unnecessary. So all right, he was involved in an all-action First Division game with valuable points at stake, but is swearing really necessary?

I am sure other "armchair" regulars would agree with me that



Alan Ball ... should he be so argumentative?

this is not the first time Ball has been involved in sideline arguments.

Rodney Hinds, Hackney, London.

● The Alan Ball incident prompted a spate of letters, which just goes to show how careful players must be when the telly cameras are on them. Reputations are easily made.

TERRACE TALK

Silly idea

BEING English and living in Northern Ireland, I think I can give you a good opinion on the idea to set up an all-Ireland soccer team – rubbish!

Who would be manager, where would they play and which players would be chosen? The manager might be accused of bias, most importantly due to sectarian differences. There is no chance in a million that Southern and Northern supporters would be together. No, it's just not on and I don't think it really ever will be.

Dermot MacLennan, Portnash, Co. Antrim.

Fair handling

IN some football matches where a player shoots at a clear goal, an opposing player (not the goalie) saves the ball with his hands. That's intentional handling. And the referee usually shows the yellow card.

This situation is unfair on the player who saved the ball. He has to do it for his team. It just would not be right to watch his team lose a goal.

Roy Smith, Horspath, Oxford.

● Tch, tch, Roy ... that'll stir 'em up! Surely, hand-ball is hand-ball and when it's as deliberate as you describe, it is a serious offence, fully deserving a yellow card.

● Looking at it realistically, Dermot, you may be right today – but who's to say that for tomorrow, football should not set an example to make the politicians blush.

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Rules rule O.K.

WHY DOES everybody want to change the rules of our beloved game? The penalty box is, I feel, the right size, for if a winger has to be stopped by foul means inside the box, he is obviously doing a good job, and so who is to say he won't finish the job!

If we alter the size of the penalty area as suggested by reader J.F. Reynolds, we encourage "professional" fouls and we skirt the problem of the panicking defender; a good defender, indeed a good professional, should not panic. If a winger creates havoc and panic good luck to him. It makes for exciting play when wingers take on defenders in such a manner and scare the pants off them!

On the subject of the kick-in, I



agree with Andy Roxburgh it would "encourage defenders to develop ball control and passing ability". Back-passing ability! And there is nothing more boring in football than back-passing in large amounts.

Also, this rule penalises a well-timed skilful sliding tackle equally as a wild fly-hack into touch.

As for a sin-bin for "verbal violence" with all the shouting that goes on, we'd end up watching 5-a-side football.

The only rule I feel needs changing is the offside rule, which stifles so much attacking football, in favour of the American system. Otherwise let us leave well alone and divert our energies to more productive purposes.

Richard Parr, Petts Wood, Orpington.

football centres? Why are we so behind other countries when we are supposed to be the home of football?

In America, in every town, there are centres for up-and-coming footballers – and they started the game of football seriously only three years ago. Soon they will be beating us at our best sport.

Blair Leburn, Troon, Ayrshire.

World class Hoddle

BEING a Scotsman and therefore an expert on soccer, I am writing to you to say how impressed I have been by Glenn Hoddle of Spurs.

At 22, Hoddle is the finest young player in the country and unlike most "good" English players, his game is based on skill and ball control, not on strong running and physical endeavour.

Apart from Trevor Brooking, Hoddle is the only Englishman in world class. Having seen him on several occasions, I am convinced that he must have some Scottish blood in him somewhere and I firmly believe that in four or five years time, we shall be talking about him in the same terms as Cryff, Pele and other world greats.

Jack McVitie, Aberdeen, Scotland.

● The new Pele . . . that's praise indeed. We agree that young Glenn is stacked with talent and an exciting recruit to the national squad. Experience against top opposition will show his world-class potential.



Glenn Hoddle . . . looking world class.

Call them loyal?

I FEEL incensed to write in opposition to so-called loyal supporters who for some reason or other, support teams other than their home town team.

I'm a loyal Halifax Town fan. My town is infested by youths wearing Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester United and Manchester City scarves. This shows a total lack of loyalty to their own town. All this is humiliation for my town whose people would rather cheer on a "foreign" team for the sake of success.

I know Halifax aren't the most exciting team in the League, but to me and my mates, they are our idols and always will be. I feel sorry for people in towns such as Crewe, Rochdale and Scunthorpe, who will have the same problems.

To these followers of big named clubs, I question your "real" loyalty.

Clive Brook, Halifax, W. Yorks.

Five-goal 'bores'

WE WERE interested to read a letter from reader Brian Talbot of York in MATCH WEEKLY in which he referred to AFC Bournemouth's "dull and boring" performance at Tranmere.

Whilst we would in no way disagree with Mr Talbot's right to his own opinion of our style and tactics, we did wonder if he, and your other readers, were aware of the result of that match?

John D. King, P.R.O., AFC Bournemouth.

. . . Tranmere 0, Bournemouth 5. Not many teams chalk up five-goal away wins and get accused of being boring!

W.R. Hayward, Sheffield, Yorks. P.S. Rotherham United for ever.

. . . A team which is struggling in the Fourth Division or even the First, for that matter, should be allowed to be as boring as they like. A team should not give away League status or face relegation just to please away fans. After all, football is a business, too.

Andrew Dickson, Hull, Yorks.

. . . "boring" teams don't score goals, yet Bournemouth have failed to score only twice in away games – and those against strong opposition. So keep your talk on the York Terraces, Mr. Talbot! Derek Halsted, Bournemouth, Dorset.

● We had two dozen letters defending Bournemouth and condemning Mr Talbot of York to a fate worse than death . . . all we can say is: correspondence closed!

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Home-grown

IN REPLY to the letter printed in "Match Weekly" in which Timothy Woodcock of Loughton, Essex, expressed the opinion that there might be hope for English football if the likes of Everton and Manchester City failed miserably, I would suggest to Mr. Woodcock that he takes a good look at the current City first-team squad.

Contrary to Mr. Woodcock's inference that City have attempted to "buy" success, he will find that Joe Corrigan, Ray Ranson, Tommy Booth, Willie Donachie, David Bennet, Tommy Caton, Nick Reid, Tony Hanry and Paul Power – all first team regulars this season – are all products of the excellent youth system at Maine Road.

I am sure that Mr. Woodcock will admit that this is a fair ratio of home-grown talent by any standards when compared to the majority of First Division clubs.

Niel Woodhead, Newton Heath, Manchester.



Joe Corrigan . . . from the Maine Road system.

Hey, ref!

OVER the past few years violence in soccer has steadily grown, so has the amount of talk on the subject.

Ex-referee Jack Taylor and some of his former associates still in the refereeing business prove to be the major critics. It is true that they are in the position to act as the accusers but maybe if they themselves set a better example in their soccer behaviour.

In 1978 during a friendly game in Pietrasanta, Italy the score was two broken jaws, several punch-ups, four carried off and the ref was continually abused. This is, maybe, nothing unusual, perhaps a little extreme, but the fact is that both teams consisted of Italian league referees. My advice is: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone".

But for the sake of the footballing heritage, do something quickly!

Gerard Scully, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork.

Up the pole

WHEN I went to a recent football match at Old Trafford, all the stewards went down to the front to watch the game and let all the fans onto the white (where you are forbidden), so we couldn't see the game and had to climb up a pole.

Keiran Hall, Oldham, Greater Manchester.

● Dear, . . . what is the world coming to? We trust you complained to Old Trafford officials about it.

Think ahead

ALTHOUGH I am only 14 years old, I feel that the young people of today will be the footballers of tomorrow. We should be looking to tomorrow. But where is the money for the training? Where are the

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I'm all right, Jack!

Kid Craig proves Charlton wrong

WHEN it comes to single minded determination to succeed in football Middlesbrough's dynamic young midfielder Craig Johnston has to be in a class of his own.

Born in South Africa, brought up in Australia, he came half way across the world as a lone 15-year-old to try and improve his soccer and stuck doggedly to his guns despite being told by no less an authority than Jack Charlton that he hadn't a chance.

But Charlton left Ayresome Park for pastures new — after dubbing the Aussie kid 'Roo', for a nickname, but Craig stayed on and this season, still aged only 19, he has established himself as a regular choice in the 'Boro middle line and was ever present until suffering a knee injury while playing against

Liverpool at Anfield a few weeks ago.

Last season a pelvic injury restricted his senior action to a single game otherwise Craig's chance might have come even earlier with present manager John Neal obviously viewing the Johnston potential in a different light to his predecessor.

"Although I had never really looked at it that way, the change of manager was probably my big break with someone new coming in to make their own assessment of all the staff," said Craig.

After spending the first few years of his life in Johannesburg, Craig and his family moved to Newcastle in Australia when he was five and it was while at school that he began playing football.

"I was never really any good but loved to play and wanted to improve. There was no real scope in Australia and after seeing the recordings of 'Match of the Day' on television I reasoned that if England produced players like that, the youngsters there must have a better chance.

"So I decided I wanted to come to England and even though only 14 at the time, once I set my heart on it there was no persuading me any different."

In Australia youngsters leave school at 14 and by the time his 15th birthday had come around Craig had written to Middlesbrough and other clubs, not so much seeking trials but simply asking for the chance to train with the apprentices for a spell.

"Middlesbrough said I could come if I paid my own fare and something towards my board and I stepped off the plane in London not knowing a soul in Britain," he recalled.

"At the end of six months my tourist visa expired and I had to go back to Australia. I set about getting a full passport and wrote to Middlesbrough asking to return as I had been so impressed with the life and the warm welcome I received from everyone on Teesside."

'Boro's answer came in the form of an offer of a place as an apprentice and Craig's life became a whirl of soccer, soccer and more soccer.

"With no family nearby I had nothing to do after training and I used to spend my time messing about with a ball in the car park at the ground and think that I have managed to pick up a fair amount of skill now.

"Still, it was a blow to be told on one occasion by Jack Charlton that he thought I'd never



Mark Proctor — a 'thinking' player.

be a footballer.

"That made me more determined than ever, especially for the sake of youth coach George Wardle who always had great faith in me."

Craig's persistence was rewarded when he made a first team debut in a home FA Cup tie with Everton the season before last and helped Middlesbrough to a 3-1 win. Then came that injury setback.

For relaxation Craig enjoys swimming which played a big part in his rehabilitation after last season's injury. Apart from soccer, surfing was one of his other great delights in Australia and he does admit to sometimes missing the sort of weather they are having 'down under' about now.

"I definitely class myself as a true blue Aussie and after missing four Christmas holidays at home hope to be able to bring my parents to England in 1980 for the festive season.

"In football my immediate ambition is to continue as a regular in the First Division and to win something with Middlesbrough" — and with Craig's dedication all of that is possible!

LEFT: Middlesbrough's dynamic young midfielder player Craig Johnston.
BELOW: Middlesbrough manager John Neal.

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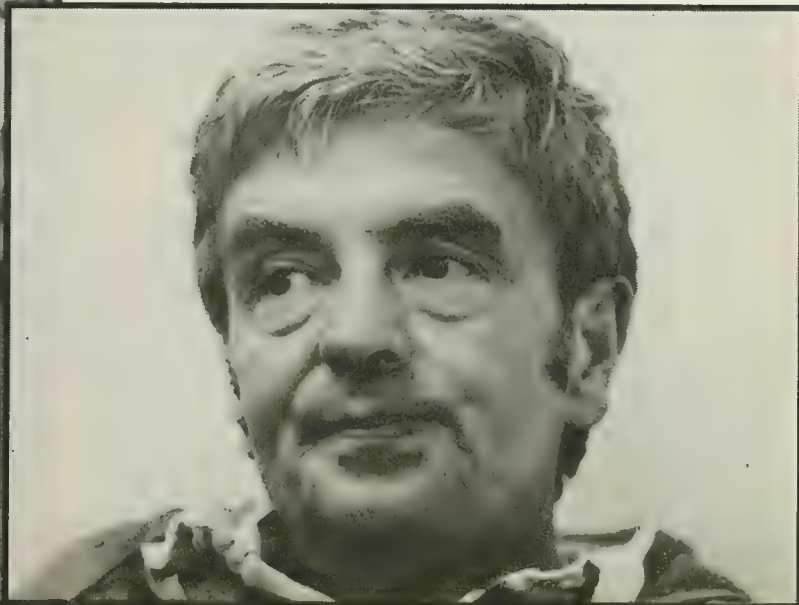
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Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

O'Neill 6, Biley 6, Spriggs 6, Reilly 6, Gibbins 6, ★CHRISTIE 8 (sub. Turner).
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BARNSELY (1) 2 (Graham 4, Aylott 77)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Kellow 79)
Att: 8,567
Barnsley: Springett 5, Flavell 6, Collins 6, Glavin 7, Hunter 6, McCarthy 6, Banks 6, Clarke 7, ★AYLOTT 8, Graham 7, Pugh 5.
Blackpool: McAlister 6, Gardner 6, Pashley 5, McEwan 6, Ashurst 7, Harrison 7, Hockaday 5, ★DOYLE 8, Spence 5 (sub. Thompson 6), Kellow 7, Weston 5.
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BURY (1) 4 (Madden 11, Mullen 69, Halford 75, Hilton 90)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Fraser 64, Booker 86)
Att: 2,443
Bury: Forrest 7, Constantine 7, Waddington 7, Whitehead 7, Kennedy 7, Wilson 6, Halford 6, McIlwraith 6, Mullen 6, Hilton 8, ★MADDEN 9.
Brentford: Bond 7, Shrubbs 6, Kruse 6, McNichol 7, Tucker 6 (sub. Graham 7), Salman 6, Fraser 6, Carlton 6, Fear 7, Booker 6, ★PHILLIPS 8.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARLISLE (0) 0
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Kilmore 44, Moore 78)
Att: 4,633
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 6, Collins 7, MacDonald 7, Ludlam 6, Parker 6, McVitie 7, Beardsley 7, Bannion 6, Hamilton 6, ★STANFORTH 8.
Grimsby: Batch 7, Stone 7, Moore 7, Waters 7, Wigginton 6, Crombie 6, Broily 7, ★KILMORE 8, Drinkell 7, Mitchell 6, Cumming 6.
Referee: R. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTER (0) 3 (Rush 65, 89, Storton 74)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney 7)
Att: 2,727
Chester: Millington 5, Raynor 4, Walker 5, Storton 7, Cottam 7, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 5, Jones 7, ★RUSH 8, Phillips 4, Henderson 4.
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 4, Tiler 5, Rhodes 5, Stancliffe 6, Green 6, ★FINNEY 8, McEwan 7, Dawson 6, Fern 6, Nix 5.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

EXETER (1) 3 (Roberts, L 5, Dowman, og 68, Pullar 73)
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Wright 17)
Att: 2,648
Exeter: Main 6, Mitchell 6, Hatch 7, Hore 6, Roberts, P 6, Roberts, L 7, Neville 7, Pearson 7 (sub. Bowker 6), Rogers 6, ★DELVE 8, Pullar 6.
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Packer 7, ★LESLIE 8, Wignall 6, Dowman 6, Hodge 5 (sub. Evans), Wright 6, Dyer 7, Lee 5, Rowles 6.
Referee: W. Bombroff (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

GILLINGHAM v CHESTERFIELD — Match Postponed

HULL (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Keeley 84)
Att: 3,720
Hull: Blackburn 6, Nisbet 7, ★De VRIES 8, Croft 7, Skipper 6, Hawker 6, Roberts 6, Moss 5, Edwards 6, Phillips 5, Norrie 7.
Blackburn: Arnold 6, Branagan 7, Parkes 6, Kendall 7, ★KEELEY 8, Fazackerley 6, Brotherton 7, Crawford 6, Stonehouse 7, McKenzie 7, Metcalfe 6.
Referee: P. G. Reeves (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★



Brian Kidd — a second-half goal against his old club, Manchester City, was not enough to save Everton from a 2-1 home defeat, their fourth reversal at Goodison Park this season.



Peter Ward's electrifying finishing in the form of three goals from just four shots brought Brighton a rare and surprising 3-1 away win against Wolves at Molineux.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 2,999
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Thompson 5, Wood 5, Curtis 6, Bird 6, ★MCLELLAND 8, Thomson 6, Taylor 6, Austin 7, Lathan 5 (sub. Allen), Mann 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, James 5, Harrison 5, Randell 6, Foster 7, Phillipson-Masters 5, Hodges 6, Cooper 7, Sims 5, ★BASON 8, Graves 5 (sub. Cook).
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MILLWALL v SWINDON — Match Postponed

OXFORD v WIMBLEDON — Match Postponed

READING (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 2 (Curran 14, Mellor 43)
Att: 5,349
Reading: Death 5, Hetzke 5, White 6, ★BOWMAN 7, Kearney 6, Moreline 5, Earles 5, Joslyn 6 (sub. Williams 6), Kearns 5, Sanchez 5, Wanklyn 4.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 6, Williamson 6, ★SMITH 8, Pickering 6, Hornsby 7, McCulloch 7, Johnson 7, Mellor 7, King 7, Curran 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Garner 28, Matthews 67)
SOUTHEND (0) 0
Att: 12,699
Sheff Utd: Richardson 7, Speight 7, Tibbott 7, Kenworthy 8, McPhail 7, Matthews 8, de Goey 6, Bourne 6, Butlin 7, Garner 7, ★SABELLA 9.
Southend: ★CAWSTON 8, Dudley 7, Yates 6, Stead 6, Cusack 7, Hadley 6, Morris 7, Otulakowski 6, Parker 7, Tuohy 6, Hull 7 (sub. Polycarpou 7).
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Butler 11, MacDougall 50)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Denyer 61, 81)
Att: 2,335
Bournemouth: Allen 6, Cunningham 6, ★FERN 8, Impey 7, Townsend 7, Chambers 6 (sub. Borthwick), Holder 7, MacDougall 6, Butler 6, Evanson 6, Miller 6.
Northampton: Poole 6, Farrington 7, Sandercock 7, Byatt 6, Waldoock 6, Williams 7, ★DENYER 8, Sandy 6, McCaffrey 7, Bowen 6, Farmer 6.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRADFORD CITY (1) 2 (McNiven 26, Staniforth 47)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att: 3,789
Bradford: Smith 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Bates 6, Baines 7, Cooper 7, Martinez 6, Dolan 6, Staniforth 7, ★MCNIVEN 8, Hutchins 6.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 7, Carr 6, ★LAWRENCE 8, Brooks 7, Aye 6, Linacre 7, Loadwick 6 (sub. Houchen), Newton 6, Harding 6, Hampton 6.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

DONCASTER (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Stalker 55)
Att: 3,909
Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 5, ★SNODIN 8, Lister 5, Bradley 6, Dowd 7, Pugh 5, Nimmo 6, Flanagan 6, Lewis 5 (sub. Packer 5), Little 7.
Darlington: Owers 6, Nattress 6, Cochrane 6, Ball 7, ★CRAIG 9, Smith 6, McLean 5, Charlton 8, Stalker 7, Taylor 6, Walsh 6.
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (3) 5 (Sutton 1, Cowling 7, Fletcher 23, Brown 73, Robins 79)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Waldron 42)

Att: 4,550
Huddersfield: Rankin 7, ★**BROWN** 8, Robinson 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Laverick 6, Hart, P 7, Fletcher 7, Robins 6, Cowling 7.
Rochdale: Watson 6, Hart, B 6, Snookes 6, Taylor 5, Waldron 6, Bannon 6, Esser 6 (sub. Jones 6), Wann 6, Seal 6, ★**WEIR** 7, Hilditch 6.
Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LINCOLN v HEREFORD — Match Postponed

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Tynan 39)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Kellock 8)
 Att: 4,653
Newport: Dowler 6, Walden 6, Relish 6, Bruton 6 (sub. Gwyther), Oakes 7, Warriner 6, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 7, ★**TYNAN** 8, Aldridge 7, Moore 6.
Peterborough: Waugh 7, Carmichael 6, Phillips 7, Sharkey 7, Slough 6, Foster 6, Quow 6, ★**KELLOCK** 8, Cliss 6, Syrett 6, Gynn 6.
Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbot)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Gregory 13, Bryant 74)
PORT VALE (1) 2 (Griffiths 31, 55)
 Att: 12,022
Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ellis 7, Viney 7, Brisley 5, Aislewood 6, Davey 6, Gregory 6, Laidlaw 5, Hemmerman 5, ★**BRYANT** 8, Rogers 7.
Port Vale: Dance 6, Keenan 6, Griffiths 7, Bentley 7 (sub. Elsey 6), Delgado 6, Bowles 6, ★**BEECH** 8, Farrell 6, Wright 7, Bromage 6, Chamberlain 7.
Referee: A. D. Cox (Croydon)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack 22)
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Att: 1,473
Scunthorpe: Gordon 7, Davy 7, Peacock 6, Dall 7, Deere 7, Oates 6, Green 6 (sub. Cowling 6), ★**CAMMACK** 8, Pilling 6, Partridge 6, Stewart 7.
Halifax: Kilner 7, Dunleavy 6, Goodman 6 (sub. Geidmintis 7), Evans 7, Harris 7, Hendrie 6, Smith 6, ★**KENNEDY** 8, Mountford 6, Allott 6, Burke 6.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

STOCKPORT (1) 4 (Chapman 44, Lamour, og 68, Sword 82, Henson 39)
TORQUAY (0) 0
 Att: 2,310
Stockport: Lawson 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Henson 7, Bradd 6, Czuczman 6, Williams 7, Prudham 7, Sword 8, ★**CHAPMAN** 9, Coyle 8.
Torquay: Turner 7, Larmour 7, Ritchie 6, Witson 6, ★**BOURNE** 8, Sermanni 6, Smith 6 (sub. Levy), Lawrence 6, Cooper 6, Murphy 7.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke-on-Trent)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Wooler, og 77)
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Brodie 27, 38)
 Att: 1,503
Tranmere: Johnson, D 6, ★**MATHIAS** 7, Edwards 5, Flood 5, Bramhall 6, Evans 6, O'Neil 6, Craven 6, Lumby 5, Beamish 5 (sub. Mungall 5), Kerr 5.
Aldershot: Johnson, G 7, Scott 6, Wooler 6, Dixon 6, Bennett 6 (sub. Longhorn 6), Jopling 7, Crosby 6, ★**BRODIE** 8, French 6, Needham 6, McGregor 6.
Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIGAN (0) 2 (Wright 72, Gore, pen 88)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 4,316
Wigan: Brown 6, Fretwell 7, Hinnigan 6, Gore 6, Methven 6, Davids 6, ★**CORRIGAN** 8, Wright 7, Houghton 7, Quinn 6, Urquhart 6.
Crewe: ★**GROOBLAR** 9, Wilkinson 6, Bowers 6, McMahon 6, Scott 6, Prophet 6, Nelson 5, Guy 5, Coyne 5, Chesters 6, Bevan 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Nelson (Crewe)

YORK (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Williams 52)
 Att: 1,990
York: Neenan 7, Kay 7, Harrison 6, Ford 6, James 7, Clements 7, Randall 6, ★**LORIMER** 8, Loggie 7, McDonald 7, Wellings 7.
Walsall: ★**GREEN** 9, Macken 7, Mower 7, Sbragia 7, Williams 8, Paul 7, Penn 7, Waddington 7, McDonough 6, Buckley 7, Caswell 7.
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Saturday, Dec. 22

Division One

DERBY (1) 1 (Davies, pen 1)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Davies, og 16, McDermott, pen 53, Johnson 57)
 Att: 24,945
Derby: McKellar 6, Langan 6, Buckley 5, Daly 4, Webb 6, Osgood 7, Emery 5, Powell 7, ★**WHYMARK** 8, Davies 6, Rioch 4.
Liverpool: Clemence 6, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 7, Thompson 8, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 6, Daiglish 8, Case 7, Johnson 7, ★**MCDERMOTT** 9, Souness 7.
Referee: G Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

EVERTON (0) 1 (Kidd 64)
MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (Daley 11, Henry 26)
 Att: 26,308
Everton: Hodge 7, Gidman 6, Bailey 6, Wright 6, Lyons 6, Ross 5, Hartford 5, Stanley 5 (sub. Varadi), Latchford 5, ★**KIDD** 8, King 6.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, Donachie 7, Booth 6, Caton 6, Bennett 7, Henry 7, ★**DALEY** 8, Robinson 6, Power 6, Shinton 6.
Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (3) 3 (Jordan 75 secs., 16, McQueen 23)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 54,552
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 7, Houston 7, McIlroy 7, McQueen 7, Buchan 7, Coppell 7, Wilkins 8, ★**JORDAN** 9, Macari 8, Thomas 7.
Nottm Forest: Shilton 5, Anderson 7, ★**GRAY** 8, McGovern 7, Lloyd 6, Burns 6, O'Neill 6, Bowles 6, Birtles 6, Francis 6, Robertson 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (O'Brien, pen 19, pen 26)
NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Shoulder 12, Connolly 40)
 Att: 11,224
Notts County: ★**AVRAMOVIC** 8, Richards 7, O'Brien 7, Hunt 6, Stubbs 6, Blockley 7, McCulloch 7, Masson 6, Hooks 7, Beavon 7 (sub. Christie), Mair 6.
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Brownlie 7, Davies 7, Cassidy 7, Barton 7, Boam 6, ★**SHOULDER** 8, Cartwright 6, Withe 6 (sub. Connolly 7), Rafferty 7, Hibbitt 7.
Referee: D. Clarke (Accrington)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

FA Cup Second Round Replay

MERTHYR TYDFIL (1) 1 (Elliott 14)
CHESHAM (1) 3 (Rosser, og 17, Horrastead 80, Watt 82)
 Att: 4,500
Merthyr: Payne 6, Petherbridge 6, Jones, P 6, Holvey 6, Rosser 6, Jones, D 7, Docherty 7, ★**SULLIVAN** 8, Carviel 6, Pratt 7, Elliott 7.
Chesham: Baguley 8, Griffiths 7, Smith 7, Horrastead 7, Dodd 7, Johnson, P 7, Jackett 8, ★**WATT** 9, Martell 7, Johnson, D 8, Woolfrey 7.

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Bourn, Cambs)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SWINDON (1) 3 (Rowland 17, Mayes 49, 69)
TORQUAY (0) 2 (Tucker, og 46, Murphy 55)
 Att: 8,250
Swindon: Allan 6, Lewis 7, Ford 8, McHale 8, Tucker 7, ★**STROUD** 9, Miller 7, Kamara 5, Rowland 7, Mayes 8, Williams 6.
Torquay: Turner 7, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 7, Larmour 7, ★**BOURNE** 8, Sermanni 7, Davies 7, Cox 6 (sub. Lawrence 5), Cooper 6, Coffill 7, Murphy 7.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 3 (McAdam 44, Sullivan 71, Doyle 89)
MORTON (0) 1 (Tolmie 46)
 Att: 27,000
Celtic: Latchford 7, Sneddon 7, McGrain 7, Aitken 7, MacDonald 7, McAdam 7, ★**PROVAN** 8, Sullivan 7, McCluskey 6 (sub. Doyle 7), McLeod 7, Lennox 7.
Morton: ★**DAVIDSON** 8, Miller 7 (sub. Brown), Holmes 7, Anderson 6, McLaughlin 7, Orr 7, McLaren 6,



Tony Henry — he and Steve Daley found the net to give Manchester City a fine 2-1 away win at Everton. It was City's third away win this season.

Hutchison 7, Scott 6, Tolmie 7, Ritchie 7.
Referee: R. Cuthill (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Holmes (Morton)

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 2 (Holt 32, Pettigrew 42)
DUNDEE (0) 0
 Att: 15,000
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7, Kopel 6, Fleming 6, Hegarty 7, ★**NAREY** 8, Bannon 6, Sturrock 7, Pettigrew 7, Holt 7, Murray 5 (sub. Kirkwood 6).
Dundee: ★**DONALDSON** 9, McGeachie 7, Schaedler 6, Mackie 7, Glennie 6, MacLaren 7, Ferguson 6 (sub. Barr 6), Sinclair 6, Pirie 6, Shirra 6, Murphy 5.
Referee: M. Delaney (Airdrie)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Schaedler (Dundee)

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Higgins 74, Campbell 77)
RANGERS (1) 1 (McLean 37)
 Att: 18,740
Hibs: McArthur 6, Brazil 6, Duncan 6, ★**RAE** 8, Paterson 6, McNamara 6, Callaghan 6, MacLeod 7, Higgins 7, Campbell 6, Best 7.
Rangers: Young 5, Jardine 6, Dawson 6, ★**FORSYTH** 7, Jackson 6, Stevens 6, McLean 6, MacDonald 5 (sub. Smith), Johnstone 5 (sub. Cooper 5), Watson 5, McDonald 6.
Referee: J. Renton (Cowdenbeath)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

PARTICK THISTLE v ABERDEEN — Match Postponed

ST MIRREN v KILMARNOCK — Match Postponed

Division One

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Yule 25)
AYR (0) 1 (Fleeting 86)
 Att: 1,479

BERWICK (0) 1 (Wheatley 52)
CLYDE (1) 1 (Kean 28)
 Att: 1,059

DUMBARTON v ST JOHNSTONE — Match Postponed

DUNFERMLINE v HEARTS — Match Postponed

HAMILTON (2) 3 (Graham 9, Deeney 27, Wright 55)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0
 Att: 1,750

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Irvine 68, Clinging 74)
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McGuire 30)
 Att: 3,863

STIRLING v RAITH — Match Postponed

Division Two

ALLOA v EAST STIRLING — Match Postponed

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell, I 4)
EAST FIFE (0) 0
 Att: 650

FALKIRK (3) 4 (Spence 6, 57, Leetion 13, Burrell 16)
ALBION ROVERS (0) 0
 Att: 1,000

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
 Att: 80

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Johnston, H 29)
FORFAR (3) 4 (Clark, J 8, 83, McPhee 40, Rae, pen 42)
 Att: 950

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (Dixon, pen 14, Phillips 62)
COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Harley 17, Markey 43)
 Att: 760

STRANRAER (0) 0
QUEENS PARK (2) 4 (Gillespie 1, 29, 46, McGregor 58)
 Att: 500

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THE winner of the super radio cassette player in Crossword No. 13 (Dec 6 issue) was: Garry Lee, 24 Cavendish Street, Arnold, Nottingham. The five winners of Candus leather footballs were: Lionel Dore, 2 Shurburn Court, Leeds; Mark Naylor, 14 Elm Tree Square, Embsay, Skipton, N. Yorks; Leslie Perrins, 17 Alexandra Close, Catshill, Bromsgrove, Worcs; Garry Riches, 9 Rowan Way, Shrublands Estate, Gorleston-on-Sea, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk; Graham Smith, 12 Thorn Grove, Welbeck Estate, Hucknall, Notts.

The correct answers were: Across: 1 Derek Statham, 8 Asa, 9 Ardiles, 10 Bailey, 12 Ramsey, 13 Nisbet, 15 Goodison, 17 Arnott, 19 Derby, 20 Dundee, 21 (see 22 down), 23 Sunderland, 25 Crewe, 26 Ryan. Down: 1 Durban, 2 Robinson, 3 Shay, 4 Anderson, 5 Halom, 6 Masters, 7 Hart, 11 Everton, 14 Andy Blair, 16 Dodd, 18 Mellor, 20 Dance, 22 (and 21 across) Alan Ball, 24 Day.

Five-a-side Solution

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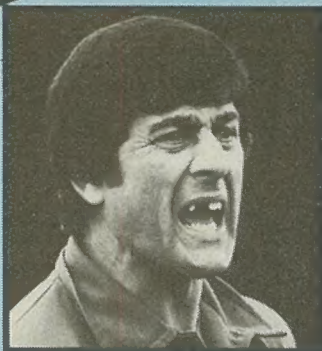
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Quiz answers

1. A.P. Leamington; 2. Gerry Armstrong; 3. Altrincham; 4. a) Bloomfield Road, b) The Valley, c) Tynecastle Park; 5. Andy Gray; 6. Anderlecht; 7. Aberdeen; 8. Red Star Belgrade; 9. Denis Law; 10. Garth Crooks; 11. Oxford United in 1964; 12. Manchester United 1964/5; 13. Port Vale; 14. Brian Clough; 15. Denis Law; 16. Kasimir Deyna; 17. George Reader; 18. Boninsegna; 19. Atletico Madrid; 20. W. Gibson.

Score Six

Solutions: (a) 1. Shot, 2. Posh, 3. Sport, 4. Points, 5. Street, 6. List; (b) 1. Gordon (Lee), 2. King, 3. Dona, 4. Road, 5. Iran, 6. Irons.



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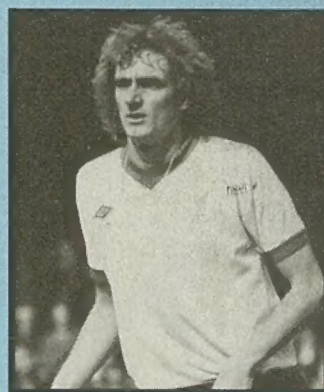
Birthday Team of the Month JANUARY

OUR TEAMS for November and December created a tremendous amount of interest — now what about this one made up of players born in January?

There are three England internationals in the back four, a Scottish and English cap in midfield and another England international leading the attack.

On top of that there's the experience of 'keeper Kevin Keelan, the ever-improving form of both Bryan Robson and Adrian Heath and the speedy wing runs of David Pleat.

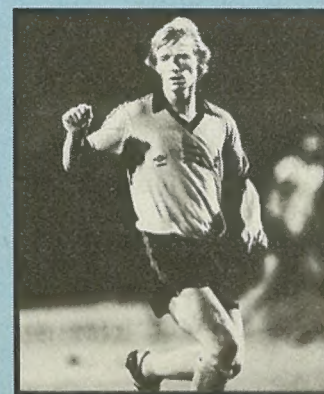
Shown after each player's name is his date of birth and that is followed by his present position and his old clubs and honours. Team: (a) KEVIN KEELAN (5), Norwich, on loan from New England Tea Men, ex-Aston Villa, Stockport, Wrexham; (b) JOHN GIDMAN (10), Everton, England, ex-Aston Villa, Under-23, England and Liverpool Youth; (c) MIKE PEJIC (25), Aston Villa, England, ex-Stoke, Everton; (d) BILL NICHOLSON (26), Tottenham advisor, scout, ex-Tottenham, England, West Ham staff; (e) STUART BOAM (28), Newcastle, ex-Mansfield, Middlesbrough; (f) PHIL THOMPSON (21), Liverpool, England, Under-23, Youth; (g) ADRIAN HEATH (11), Stoke; (h) WILLIE CARR (6), Wolves, Scotland, ex-Coventry; (i) BOB LATCHFORD (18), Everton, England, ex-Birmingham, England Youth; (j) BRYAN ROBSON (11), West Brom, England 'B', ex-England Youth, Under-21; (k) DAVID PLEAT (15), Luton Manager, ex-player, coach, ex-Nottingham Forest, Shrewsbury, Exeter, Peterborough, England schoolboy, Youth.



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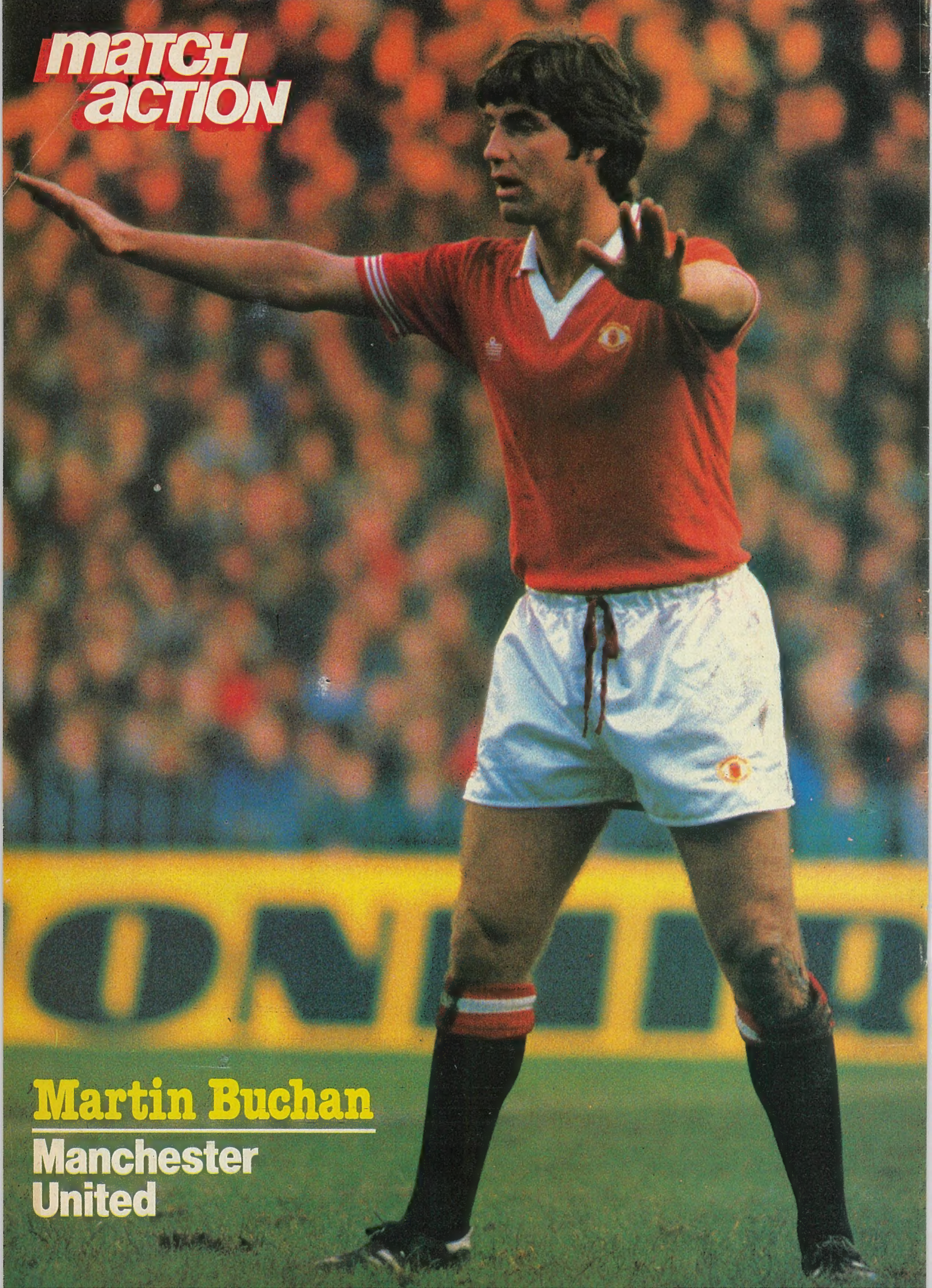


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